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FRENCH CAPTURE PERL IN NEW OFFENSIVE: BORG REGION UNDER HEAVY FIRE

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

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1.30 p.m.)

Paris, To-day.

THRILLING AIR BATTLES, with the fighting machines of the French and Nazis fighting out bitter engagements to the end, and a dramatic advance in the vicinity of Moselle were announced by French Headquarters in a communiqué, and an account accompanying the communiqué last night.

In all eight German crack planes were shot down. The French losses were put at four. The advance followed a violent artillery duel, after which French artillery, preceded by whippet tanks, successfully attacked in the vicinity of Perl, and again occupied the village of Perl, which they were compelled to abandon over a week ago owing to a heavy concentration of Nazi shellfire.

From new positions, following this success, French artillery have gained command over the Borg region to the North-East, which is being subjected to a terrific barrage from French batteries.

GERMAN BOMBING OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY

(Our Own Correspondent)

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Moscow, To-day. According to official reports received from the Soviet Embassy staff which managed finally to get safely out of Warsaw, the Soviet Embassy received ten direct hits from German bombs during the recent aerial bombardments.

There were 73 adults and 20 children taking refuge in the cellars when the attacks were in progress.

Reports that members of the Embassy staff were wounded or injured are not yet confirmed.—Our Own Correspondent.

German troops were observed withdrawing from the "hell-spot." — Our Own Correspondent.

Paris, To-day. Last night's French communiqué reports that heavy fighting is taking place near the Luxembourg frontier.

The French attacked near Perl, and good progress was made and prisoners taken.

The heavy artillery bombardment which preceded the attack was distinctly heard in Luxembourg.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day. The eight German fighters brought down by French planes, it is now stated, were Messerschmidt fighters, claimed by the Nazis to be the world's best!—Reuter.

U-BOAT AND AN EXPLOSION

Cairo, To-day. A German submarine was sighted off the Norwegian coast yesterday morning.

Shortly afterwards an explosion was heard at sea.—Reuter.

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SURPRISE HITLER VISIT TO NAVAL BASE

(Our Own Correspondent)

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Amsterdam, To-day.

It is learned from neutral sources that Herr Hitler, who has not yet visited the Saar front, paid a surprise visit yesterday to Wilhelmshaven in the company of the German High Admiral, Admiral Raeder.

It is believed that he inspected the damage done to the pocket-battleship during the R.A.F. raid shortly after the outbreak of war, and also paid visits to certain U-boats, which are reported to have returned to harbour from the Atlantic.

The report says that Herr Hitler made a brief speech to assembled crews, thanking them for their services to their Fatherland.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI WIRELESS CLAIM

London, To-day.

The Nazi wireless claims that the U-boat which sank H.M.S. Courageous arrived at Bremerhaven yesterday.—Reuter.

According to British accounts of the "Courageous" sinking, it is hardly conceivable that the U-boat escaped. One member of the crew described how the U-boat was blown partly out of the water in pieces.

TO JUSTIFY MURDER OF POLISH OFFICERS?

Moscow, To-day.

A Red Army communiqué says that six Polish officers attacked Russian guards in the Ukraine.

Three were killed on the spot, and the other three captured. The captured officers will face a firing squad.

The communiqué says there have been other attacks on Soviet troops by Poles.

"The merciless extinction of these Polish officers," says the communiqué, "is proceeding satisfactorily."—Reuter.

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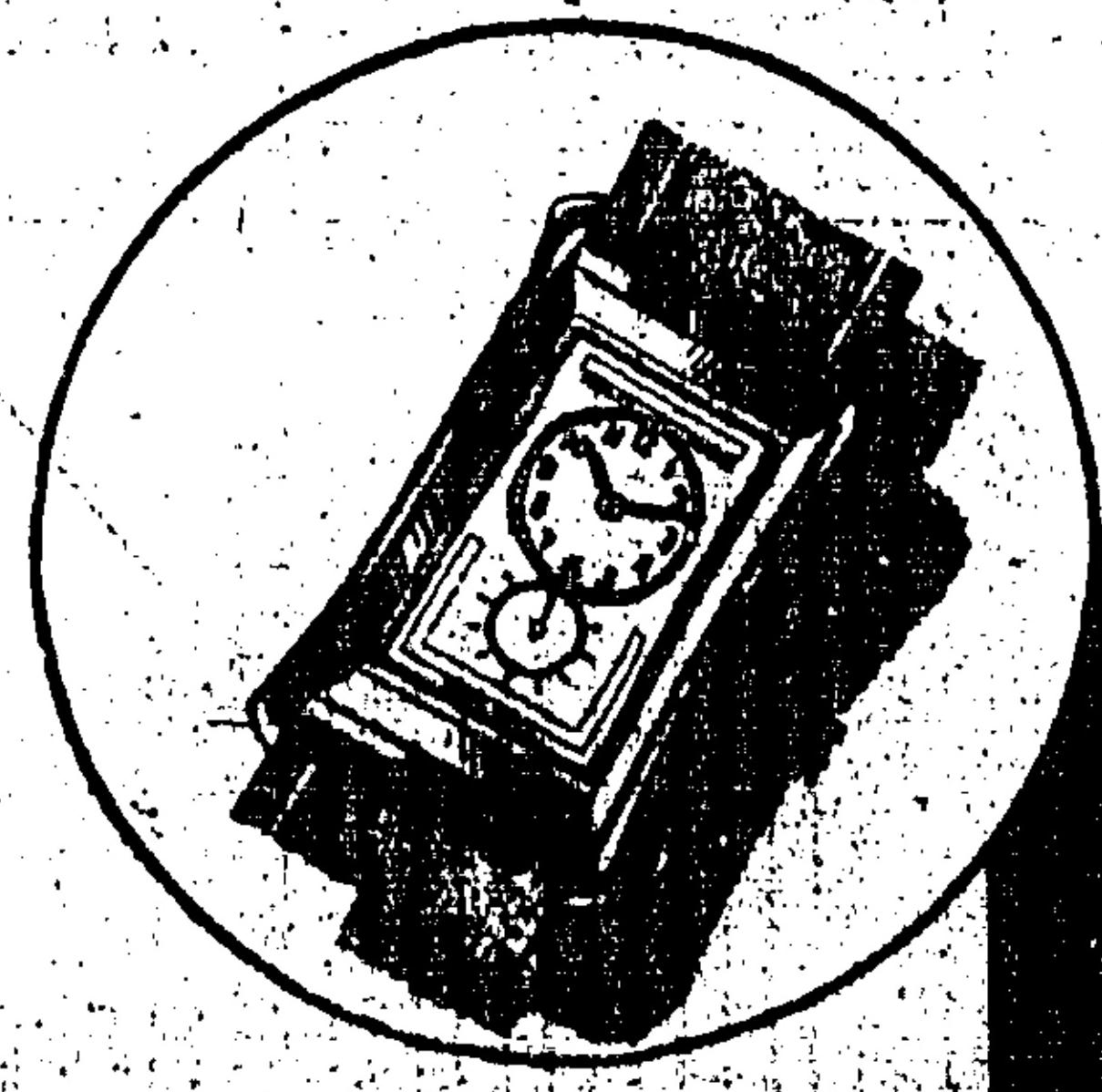
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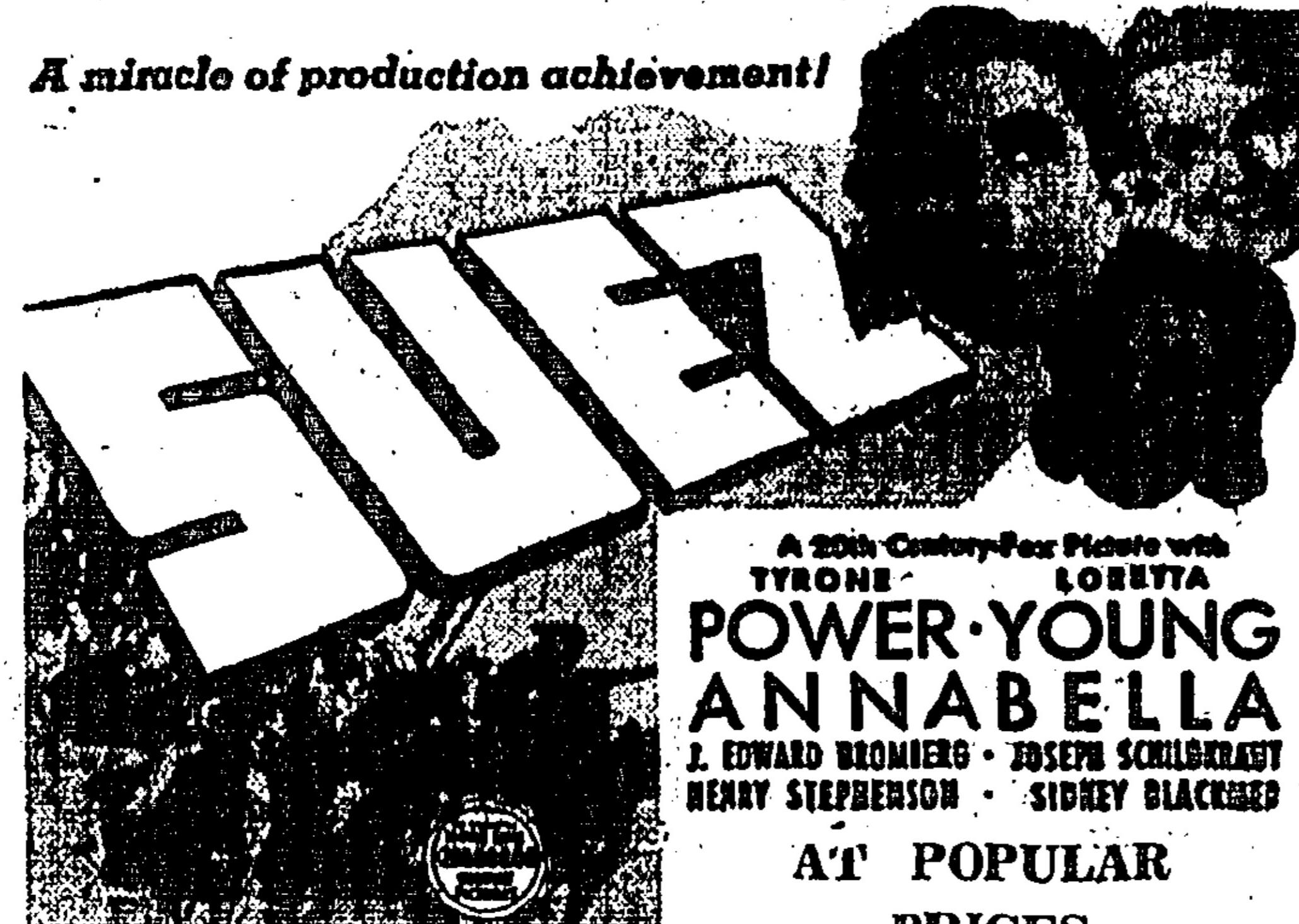


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GOVERNMENT'S LINK WITH THE B.B.C.

London, To-day.

THE PRIME MINISTER made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon on the B.B.C.

The powers held by Charter by the Postmaster-General, said Mr. Chamberlain, had been transferred to the Ministry of Information. This did not alter relations between the Government and the B.B.C.

The Governors of the B.B.C. had been reduced from seven to two, to ensure the smooth and swift operation of the broadcasting system under war conditions.

This was according to provisions in the Charter, and had been agreed by the Government and the Board of Governors before the outbreak of war.

The new arrangements did not alter the structure of the constitution of the B.B.C.

NO CENSORSHIP

As regards censorship, the B.B.C. was in the same condition as the press.

The Government had no desire, nor had they the power, to interfere with the discretion of the B.B.C. in their choice of entertainment and programmes.—Reuter.

In a further answer, the Premier assured Mr. Attlee that he realised the need to avoid the danger of the B.B.C. becoming the subject of bureaucratic control.—British Wireless.

LIGHTING CONTROL TO BE REVIEWED

London, To-day. Sir John Anderson stated in the Commons that the whole problem of lighting restrictions was now under review in the light of the knowledge gained during the few weeks' exper-

ANOTHER NAZI CANARD

London, To-day.

There is no truth in the Nazi claim that German warplanes successfully bombed a British cruiser at the Isle of May, off the entrance to the Firth of Forth.—Reuter.

It is pointed out that the story issued yesterday by the German radio was probably a repetition of the false alarm claim made yesterday in connection with the North Sea episode.—Reuter.

CRACK LINER LAID UP

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Holland-Amerika Line are laying up the liner "Nieuw Amsterdam."

A statement issued by the owners says it is unprofitable to continue running in present circumstances.

The reason given officially for the decision to lay up the crack liner, "Nieuw Amsterdam," is the high premium against war risks.—Reuter.

sience of black-out conditions.—British Wireless.

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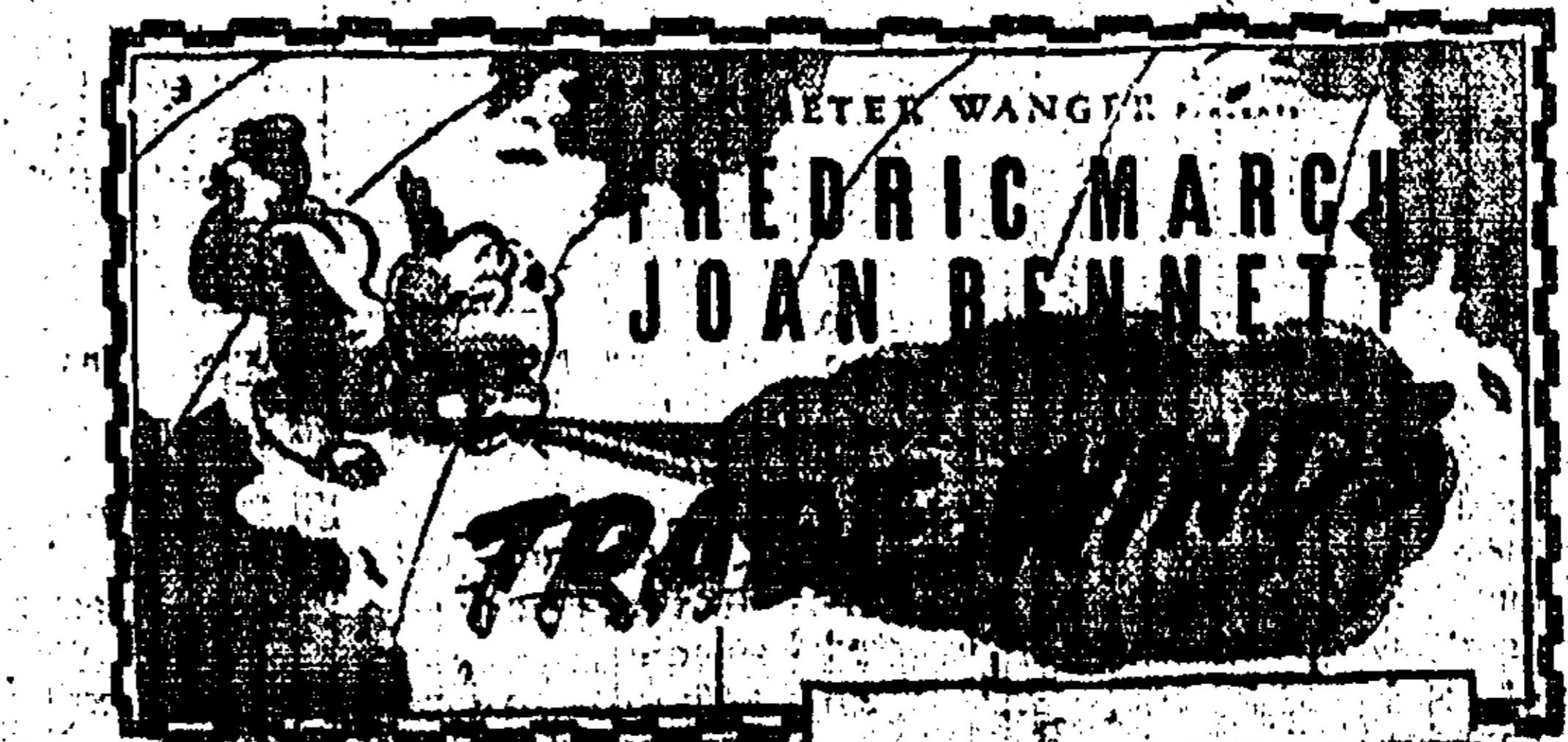
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EXPLOSION IN BRITISH MUNITIONS FACTORY

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Supply announces that an explosion occurred in an explosives factory in the North of England yesterday afternoon.

As far as is known so far, 15 were killed and four injured.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

As far as can be ascertained, fifteen were killed in the explosion at a northern explosive factory, according to the Ministry of Information.

It is added that the material damage will not interfere with production.

WARNING SIRENS

In the factory, the main explosion was followed by two others and the factory warning sirens sounded.

The sounding districts took this as an air raid warning, the civilian population taking cover until the all clear signal was given shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

1,000,000 NAZIS ON SAAR FRONT

London, To-day.

A neutral journalist describes how he was taken through the Siegfried Line by the German authorities.

The correspondent says that the towns of Saarbruecken and Zweibruecken have been completely evacuated by the civilian population.

The French outposts were now only three-quarters of a mile from Saarbruecken.

The town of Kaiserslautern (in the Palatinate, 30 miles behind the lines) had also been evacuated and the factories closed down.

MILLION MEN

The correspondent estimates that there are now 1,000,000 German troops on the western front, of whom half are facing the Belgian and Luxembourg frontiers.—Reuter.

R.A.F. PLANE GETS HOME

London, To-day.

The British flying boat which was forced down in Icelandic waters, owing to engine trouble whilst on patrol between the Faroe Islands and Iceland, and which was at first reported to have been interned, has returned to England.—Reuter.

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GERMAN LOSSES IN POLAND

London, To-day.

German newspapers in the Ruhr district are reported to have published two full pages of names of those from the Ruhr killed in action in Poland.

One small village had 23 dead.—Reuter.

SOVIET STATEMENT

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet warships of the Dnieper Flotilla have penetrated 125 miles into Poland, heading northward through the canal system towards Brest-Litovsk, according to the Soviet press.

It is reported that the Poles sank most of their river warships, but hastily abandoned some in good condition.

These have been commandeered by the Russians and a number of sunken vessels have been raised and are being towed to Soviet dry-docks for repair!—Reuter.

MORE U-BOAT CREWS AS PRISONERS

London, To-day.

Further U-boat crews arrived in England as prisoners of war yesterday.

They were taken to a concentration camp in an industrial area in the North of England.

Most of the men wore civilian clothes but some still had their naval trousers.

They carried their few personal belongings in cardboard boxes.—Reuter.

L. W. C. LORDEN DEAD

London, To-day.

The death is announced of L. W. C. Lorden, former chief architect to the Chinese Posts and Customs.—Reuter.

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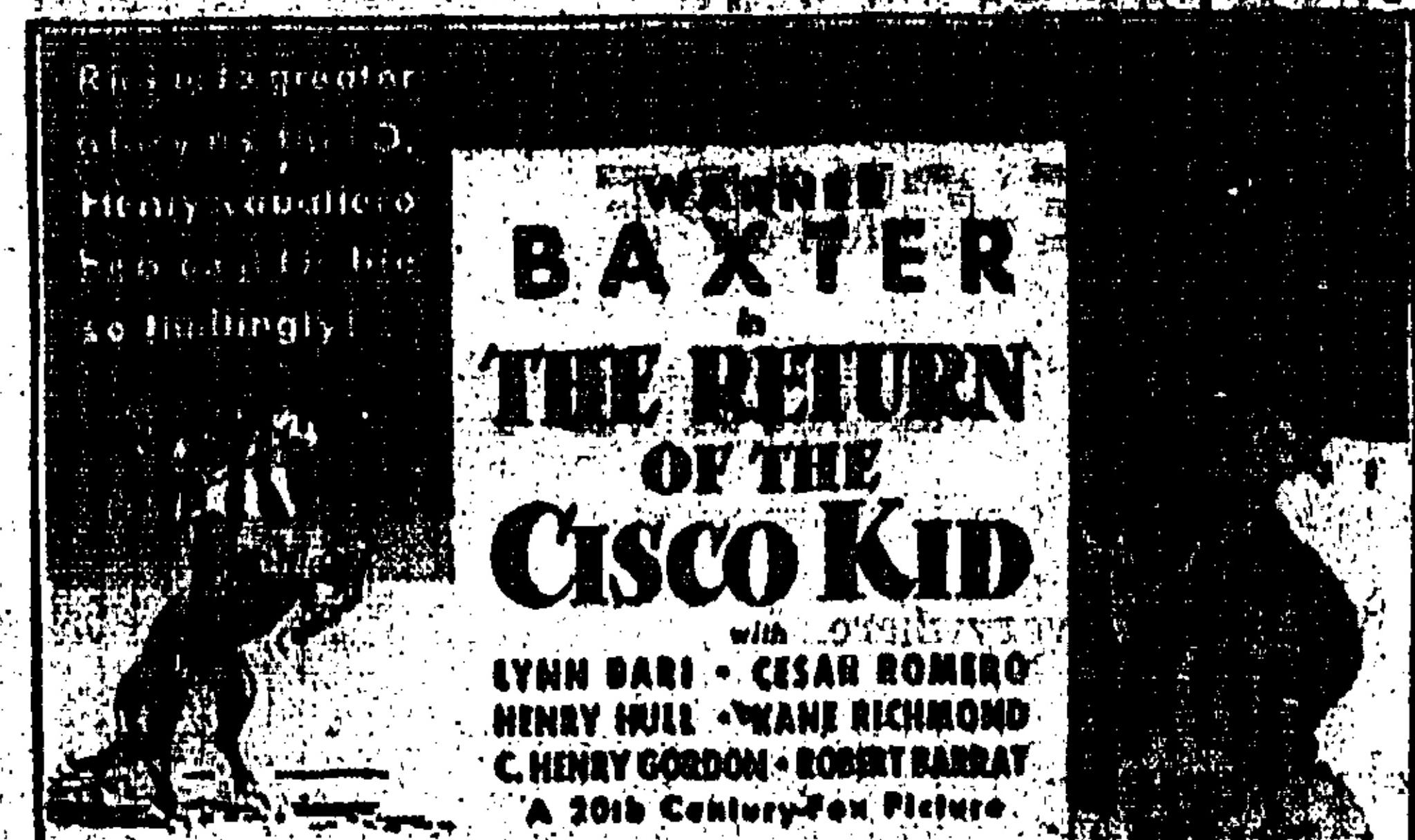
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SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES

Washington, To-day.
The foreign relations committee of the Senate yesterday approved the Administration's Neutrality Bill, permitting the sale of arms to belligerents. The session lasted three hours. The Bill will be debated in the Senate on Monday.—Reuter.

LONDON NEWSPAPER COMMENTS

London, To-day.
The wartime Budget was welcomed on the whole by yesterday morning's newspapers.

The "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Mail" believe that the full weight of the new taxation might have been imposed more gradually.

Both these journals, together with "The Times," say that the Chancellor's statement on avoiding waste in Government expenditure must be fulfilled.

The "Daily Express" agrees with the "Daily Mail" in wanting a more gradual imposition of taxes, but says: "Nobody here, or anywhere, can now doubt our intention to take the war seriously."—Reuter.

NAZI TRADE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade, To-day.
A German economic mission arrived in Yugoslavia yesterday.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S DETERMINATION TO AVOID INFLATION: BEST FEATURE OF THE BUDGET

London, To-day.
CITY CIRCLES ARE UNANIMOUS that the best features of the budget is its implied insistence to avoid inflation.

This determination is typified in the choice of sound financial methods of raising the huge funds which the Government deems necessary. The new taxation appears to be fairly spread over all classes of capital and consequently it is not expected that any section of the Stock Exchange will be heavily affected as witness yesterday's precautionary lowering of prices with the subsequent recovery on more mature consideration of the situation.

Yesterday's reduction of the bank rate to three per cent. has not surprised the City.

Although no immediate effect on the frozen gilt-edged market is expected, the psychological influence on the restoration of financial confidence is of prime importance.

Well-informed circles believe that it is not intended to allow existing gilt-edged minima to be further reduced owing to the necessity, sooner or later, of new defence loans.—Reuter.

FALLING INTO FINANCING SCHEME

London, To-day.
As City authorities generally expected, the British monetary authorities to-day reduced the bank rate to three per cent. thus taking the first step towards facilitating defence borrowing.

With Wednesday's budget, this reduction seems to fall into the co-ordinated scheme for financing this war more efficiently than the last.

In effect the latter was financed largely by inflation and the Government paid unduly dear for war loans because investors could not lend cheaply when it was expected that money would have a lower purchasing power by the time the loans were repayable.

CHEAP MONEY

This time the Government's objective seems eschewing inflation; coupled with the cheapest possible money for defence loans.

Traditional justification for a high bank rate as tending to repress borrowing for civilian purposes, no longer obtains because all types of lending are now directly controlled.

Similarly the bank rate is no longer needed to protect sterling now that exchange control insulates the London money market from foreign disturbances.

The City is discussing the possibility of a subsequent further cut restoring the bank rate to two per cent.—Reuter.

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.
The Budget debate was resumed in the House of Commons when satisfaction was expressed in all quarters at the reduction in the bank rate.

Further reduction to two per cent. was strongly urged.

A hope was expressed that the gilt-edged market on the Stock Exchange function as soon as possible.—Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

Stockholm, To-day.
A 3,300-ton Swedish steamer was sunk off the Norwegian coast yesterday by a torpedo or mine.

The crew were rescued by a Norwegian destroyer.

They said their ship had been sunk by a German submarine.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.
The Swedish cargo steamer Nyland has been sunk outside territorial waters off Stavanger yesterday morning.

It is presumed that she had been attacked by a foreign submarine crew. Twenty-nine, comprising the whole of the crew, had been rescued by Norwegian warships.—Reuter.

SOVIET MINISTER TO BULGARIA

Sofia, To-day.
The Bulgarian Government has approved the appointment of a Soviet Minister to Bulgaria.

The post had been vacant for some time.—Reuter.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET PROPOSALS

London, To-day.
The Commons debate on the budget resolutions was resumed in Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence (Labour) said the Chancellor was right in deciding to start at once with heavy new taxation.

He had imposed unprecedented burdens. Unpalatable as it may be, I am forced to the conclusion that the Chancellor's prospective taxation for 1940/41 of which he spoke yesterday, cannot be his last word. The new direct taxes are heavy but are recognised as necessary.

Turning to the indirect taxes, Mr. Pethick Lawrence said they must be, and would be, borne with fortitude.

The lowering of the bank rate from 4 to 3 per cent. was warmly welcomed by the Labour spokesman who, however, urged an early restoration of the pre-war rate of two per cent.

INTEREST RATES

He showed concern that in approaching the programme of war borrowing, the Chancellor should see the Treasury took appropriate steps to keep down interest rates.

This point was taken up by the Liberal speaker, Mr. Graham White, who also urged the importance of maintaining low interest rates.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw Milne (Conservative) accepted the Budget with deep resignation, saying the whole country was anxious to help the Government in every way.

A WARNING

Sir George Schuster (National Liberal) a well-known financial expert and former Finance Member of the Government of India, spoke of the responsibility of Government to have well prepared a policy for mobilising the resources of nation in such a way as to keep them fully employed by absorbing any left idle as the result of the drastic curtailment of private activities which the Budget proposals would effect.

Several speakers dwelt on the importance of economy.—British Wireless.

NEW MARKS ON DUTCH AIRCRAFT

The Hague, To-day.
As from Sunday, Netherlands military and naval aircraft are to have new markings.

An orange triangle with black edges will be painted on the wings and sides of planes, and the rudders will be painted in the same colours.—Reuter.

SOVIET-HUNGARIAN BORDER CONTACT

London, To-day.
Russian troops have contacted Hungarian border guards at two points in Ruthenia.—Reuter.

Budapest, To-day.
Soviet troops have reached the Hungarian frontier and after exchanging courtesies with Hungarian frontier troops have taken up new positions near the border.—Reuter.



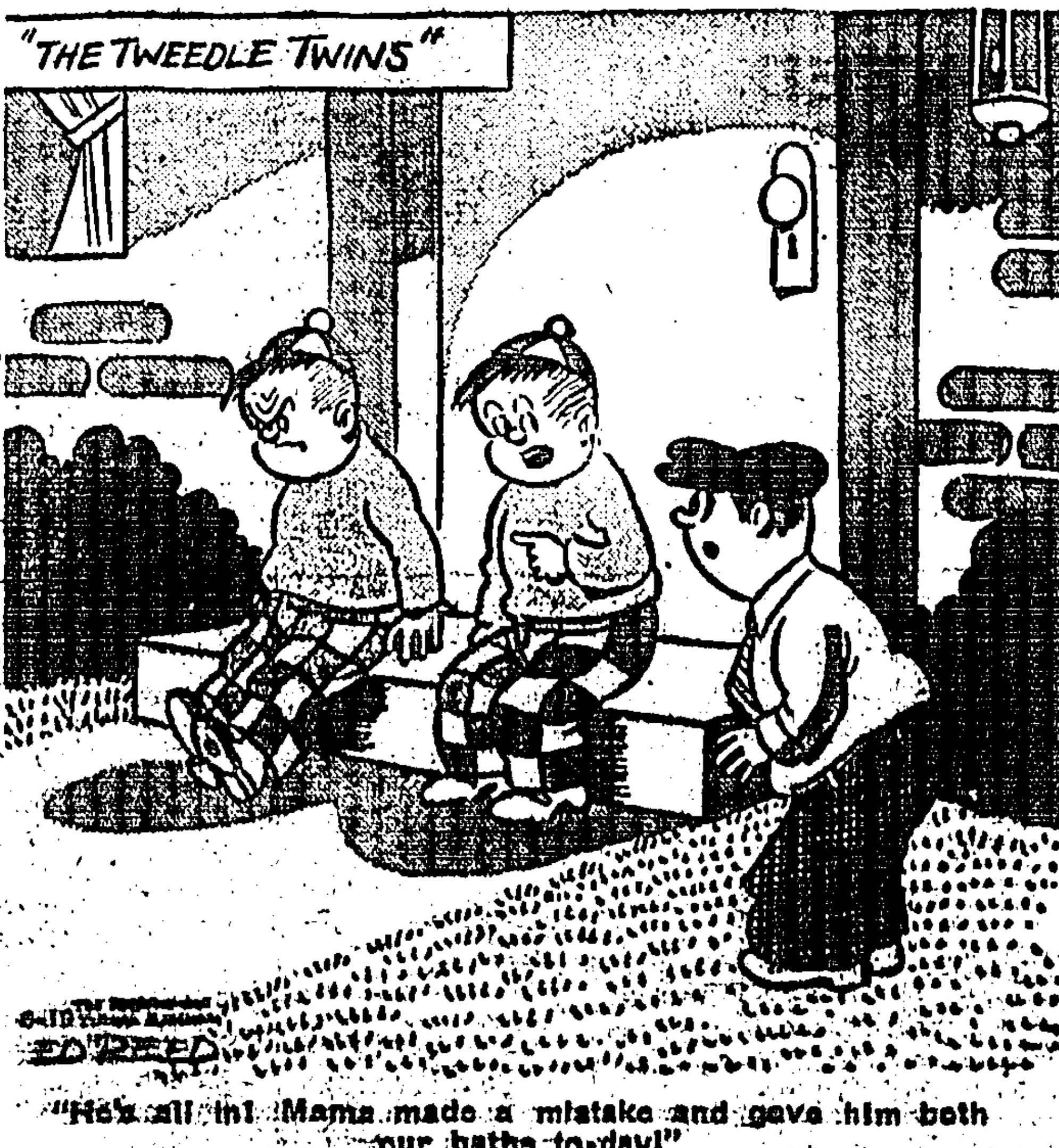
Gemmell taking the ball during the "Y" Senior v. K.I.T.C. game.



Sir Geoffrey Northcote with the Commissioner of Police at the final for the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup. Sir Atholl MacGregor and Mr. Justice Lindsell are also in the picture.

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NORWAY PURCHASES BRITISH 'PLANES

Following the success achieved by British Gloster Gladiator fighters in the Swedish Air Force, a batch of these machines has been purchased by the Norwegian Government.

The Gladiator, which has been superseded in the R.A.F. by the Hurricane and Spitfire, is a single-seater fighter armed with four machine-guns. It is powered with a Bristol Mercury IX. radial engine.

TAXI USED IN ESCAPE OF INTERNEE

The "China Mail" now learns that a taxi was used by Karl Jocheim, 39-year-old German internee, in making his escape from the Kowloon Hospital in the early hours of yesterday morning.

At the time of going to press the escapee was still at large.

It is learned that a taxi was directed to a spot near the Kowloon Hospital shortly after midnight by a Chinese amah.

Jocheim and a woman, believed to be his wife, got into the taxi, the driver of which was ordered to drive to Fanling.

Jocheim was clad in pyjamas but changed into civilian clothes in the taxi. These clothes were contained in a suitcase which the woman carried.

The three passengers left the taxi in the neighbourhood of Fanling, and have not since been seen.

THE POPULATION of Tallinn was alarmed by the flight of Soviet planes over the capital and other coastal towns throughout the day, according to a Riga report.

The planes are reported to be based on a Soviet warship off Tallinn.

Esthonian anti-aircraft batteries have not fired, according to the newspaper correspondent.

The report adds that the opinion in Tallinn is that Soviet machines are seeking to provoke firing and some people even suggest that the reported sinking of a Russian ship was an act of provocation engineered by the Soviet.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day. The opinion that Estonia is not convinced by the report that the Metallist was torpedoed, is according to a despatch from Tallinn published in a "Svenska Pressen" despatch.

It is pointed out that the only known vessel of that name is of 968 tons, not 4,000 as stated.

Reports that two periscopes were seen in Luga Bay are also considered doubtful as the maximum depth of the bay is only about 32 feet.—Reuter.

TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT REPORTED

Riga, To-day. According to an unofficial report, a ten-year agreement has been reached between Russia and Estonia.

Under the agreement, the Soviet will be granted naval and air bases at Oseid and Dago.—Reuter.

Dr. Karl Solter, the Estonian Foreign Minister, saw M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, before the latter received Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister.

Meanwhile, the Soviet radio has been accusing Estonia, not only of aiding in the escape of the interned Polish submarine, but of harbouring other foreign submarines.

The sinking of the Russian steamer on Wednesday by an unknown submarine has not been confirmed, but Russian warship yesterday were "quartering" Estonian waters as if they were looking for a submarine.—Reuter.

THE WAY THAT THE SOVIET PUTS IT

Moscow, To-day. The official Tass news agency announces that Soviet Russia and Estonia have signed a pact of mutual assistance and a new trade agreement.—Reuter.

POLISH AIR PILOTS FOR FRANCE

London, To-day. Nine Polish airmen, former civil pilots, have arrived here by passenger plane.

They will go to France to join the Polish forces being raised there.—Reuter.

WANTED TO SEE MOTHER

"I had not seen my mother for over a year," was the excuse given by Chan Kam-cheung, 19, when charged with breach of the Deportation Ordinance before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning.

Chan was banished in February last and arrested yesterday.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed.

ARK ROYAL QUITE SAFE AND SOUND

London, To-day. Reuter has been informed that the aircraft carrier Ark Royal is safe and sound at her allotted station. The German suggestion that she is damaged is untrue.—Reuter.

SECOND RED VESSEL ATTACKED, SAYS TASS

Moscow, To-day. A second Russian steamer, the Pioner (1,040 tons) has been attacked by an unknown submarine, says a Soviet announcement.

The vessel is stated to have been attacked in the Narun Bay, the same area as the earlier sinking of a Russian ship, off the Esthonian coast.

The Pioner was beached near Viggrund Bank, and Russian warships took off the crew.—Reuter.

COOL, DRY WEATHER

Yesterday's maximum temperature was again 80 degrees, falling to 72 during the night and reaching 75 degrees by 10 a.m. to-day.

The cool spell has been accompanied by a dry atmosphere, humidity to-day being only 56 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anti-cyclone covers China and pressure is high to the east of the Bonins. A depression is moving eastward over the Southern part of the Sea of Japan.

A depression is situated to about 60 miles to the S.S.W. of the Paracels, moving westward.

KIMBERLEY RD. CASE

An 18-year-old youth, Wu Kai, faced a robbery charge this morning before Mr. E. Himsworth.

He was alleged to have stolen a handbag from Mrs. C. Fraser in Kimberley Road on Wednesday night.

Inspector A. S. Johnson said that it was a committal case, and asked for a three days' remand, which was granted.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote are spending the week-end at Fanling.

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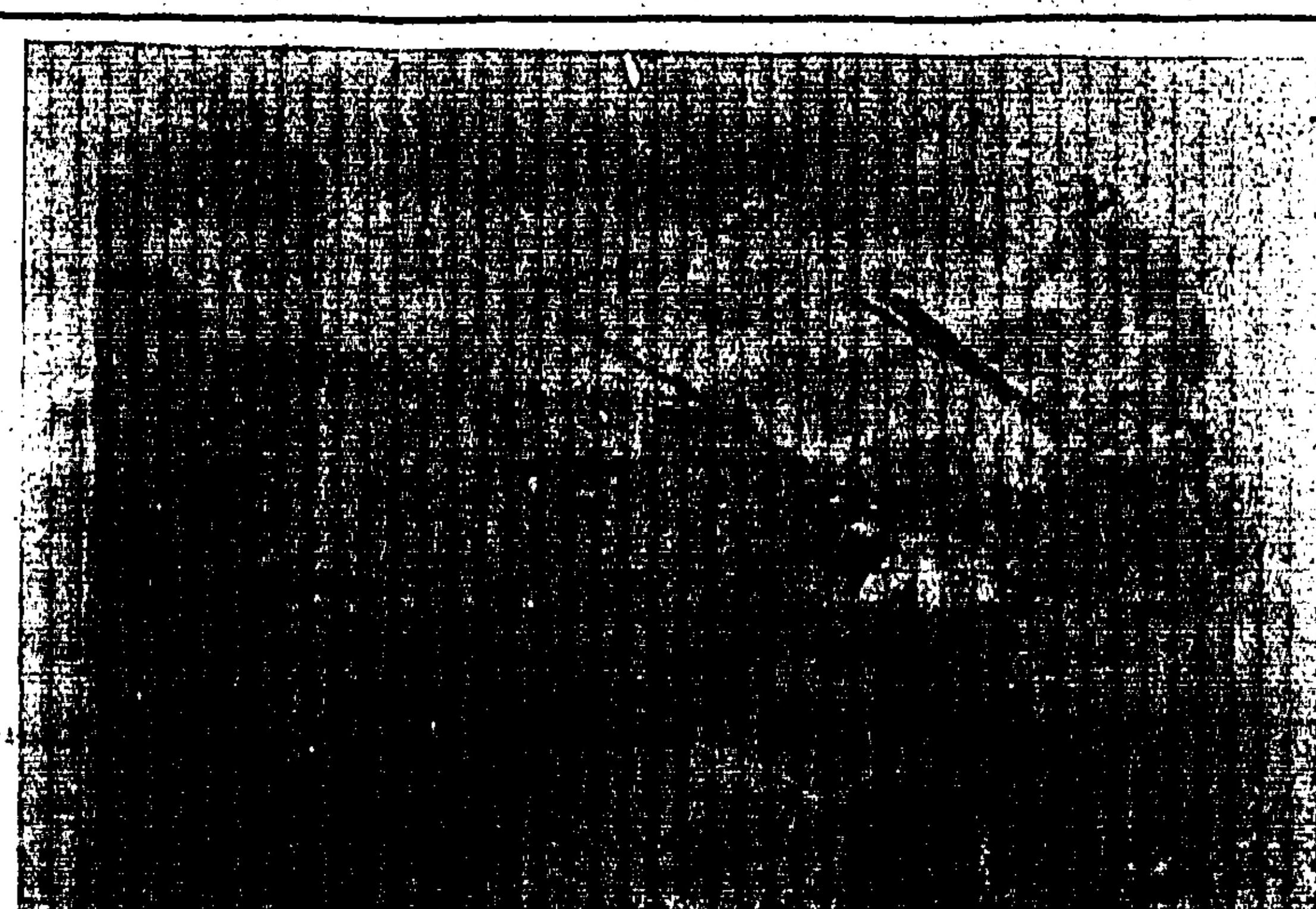


Photo taken during the fire at Tal Ku Ling, Kowloon City, last Sunday when ten houses were burned down. The firemen were unable to get appliances near the outbreak and employed buckets to extinguish the fire.

MOSCOW MYSTERIES

COOKERY IN THE KREMLIN NOT YET REVEALED: MUCH RUMOUR AND SPECULATION

THE EXACT SCOPE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SOVIET-GERMAN TALKS IN MOSCOW HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION IN PARIS.

Well-informed circles believe that the talks are very far-reaching and that Germany is now seeking some compensation for the concessions she has already made to the Soviet in Poland.

This belief is supported by the extremely generous nature of Ribbentrop's entourage in Moscow which, it is pointed out, even includes the Member of the Protocol.

It is thought that the future of Ribbentrop may depend on the outcome of the negotiations.

It appears quite certain that decision to hold the conference was not expected in Berlin.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Sarajoglu Pasha, is reported to have had no idea that Ribbentrop would visit Moscow while he was there, and Turkey's already delicate position is made more so by this surprise.

French circles emphasise that whatever decision is reached it will not in any way shake the determination of France and Britain to put an end to all attempts in Europe to settle international questions by force such as is apparently being employed on the Rumanian frontier and Estonia.—Reuter.

MILITARY DEFENCE OF "NEW POLAND"

London, To-day.
After conversations lasting into the early hours of the morning, the negotiations between Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, and M. Mototov, were resumed yesterday afternoon.

Pending an announcement on the talks at the Kremlin, speculation on their significance is still widespread in the world's capitals. Unofficial opinion in Paris suggests that the Soviet is demanding heavy sacrifices from Germany concerning influence over the Baltic States as the price for continued neutrality.—**FURTHER HITLER CONCESSIONS**

Paris commentators anticipate further concessions by Hitler to Stalin and there is strong belief in the possibility that the negotiations will be followed by a new "peace offensive" on the part of Hitler.

Moscow diplomatic circles believe the conversations concern economic and military relations generally and also the future policy towards the Baltic and Balkan States.

Sarajoglu Pasha, the Turkish Foreign Minister, it was reported yesterday was still in Moscow.

RIBBENTROP'S AIM

A Berlin telegram published in Kaunas suggests that Ribbentrop's desire is to reach an agreement providing for joint defence of the newly-created status quo in Poland, by force if necessary.

It is added that the Reich is not interested in supporting the Soviet's demands on Estonia.—Reuter.

COVERING WIDE ISSUES?

London, To-day.
Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, after his five-hour conference with Stalin and M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Minister) in Moscow on Wednesday night, met the Soviet

leaders again at the Kremlin yesterday afternoon.

It is probable that the conferences are covering the wider issues of the Baltic and the Balkans.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, it is reported, may extend his visit to Moscow in order to meet Herr von Ribbentrop.

ONE REPORT

One report says that Germany and Russia will try to persuade Turkey not to allow Allied warships to use the Dardanelles.

A Danish correspondent in Moscow says that a bloc of States is suggested including Russia, Germany and Italy, which at least would form a great trading unit.

This report, like all others on the Moscow talks, must be treated with the greatest reserve.—Reuter.

TWO-HOUR TALKS WITH STALIN

London, To-day.

Yesterday afternoon's conference between Stalin, M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Commissar) and Herr von Ribbentrop (Nazi Foreign Minister) lasted two and a half hours.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov gave a dinner in honour of von Ribbentrop last night.—Reuter.

SOMETHING CONCRETE AT LAST

London, To-day.

It is believed that a general agreement will be reached before von Ribbentrop's departure, which is fixed for to-day.

Several members of his staff may remain behind to arrange technical details.

There is no evidence of any disagreement concerning any possible single or joint action in the Baltic or Balkans.

The Germans are evidently not opposing Soviet policy in securing the Gulf of Finland.

The Soviet talks with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Sarajoglu Pasha, are not expected to be resumed until after von Ribbentrop's departure.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED AT MIDNIGHT!

London, To-day.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, resumed his conversations with the Soviet leaders shortly after midnight, following a banquet in the Kremlin.—Reuter.

STALIN'S ULTIMATUM

Paris, To-day.
Mme. Genevieve Tabouis, the famous French political commentator, writing in "L'Œuvre," says that on the eve of the Russian occupation of Poland, Stalin sent an ultimatum to Berlin threatening immediate intervention if Germany delayed fixing the new line of demarcation in Poland.—Reuter.

LATEST RUMOUR THE BRIGHTEST

Copenhagen, To-day.
Of the numerous rumours and speculations reaching here from unofficial sources in Moscow about the Stalin-plans, some are most diverting.

The latest speaks of a new League of Nations consisting of Germany, Italy, Russia, Hungary, Spain, Slovakia, the Balkan bloc (consisting of Yugoslavia, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania) and the Baltic bloc (consisting of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania) and the Scandinavian States (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland).

Any State outside this League would be considered hostile!

Non-European States like Japan must become Associate Members!

The aim of the new league would be to establish a "totalitarian peace" in Europe.—Reuter.

RUMANIA PERTURBED BY MOSCOW TALKS

London, To-day.

Rumania is openly perturbed by Soviet-German operations in Poland and the talks which are proceeding in Moscow.

The country, however, is cheerful and confident that Russia's desire to stop Germany's drive to the East will preserve Rumania's neutrality.

Rumania's army is much better equipped than in former years, with a command which has profited from others' mistakes.

Severe lighting restrictions have now been enforced in Bucharest and several units of the fleet have been called up.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH DISCUSSIONS

Paris, To-day.
The French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, received the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, yesterday morning.—Reuter.

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VIVID OFFICIAL REPORT ON LAST HOURS OF WARSAW: CITY ON FIRE FOR DAYS

London, To-day.

A VIVID PICTURE of the last hours of the defence of Warsaw is given in a telegram received in official Polish sources in London.

A telegram from the Warsaw Command reported on the events of September 27, as follows: "During last night and this morning heavy fighting has been proceeding to the west of the Vistula and German attacks from the west and south were repulsed.

During counter-attacks by our forces, prisoners were taken and four tanks and three guns captured.

The enemy used a large number of incendiary bombs and the city has been for several days in flames, especially in the central parts.

Destruction of the pumping station renders salvage work impossible and whole streets are afire.

Water is being supplied to the population by carts.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD END TO-DAY

London, To-day. Only news from Poland received in London yesterday was contained in an official communiqué issued by the Warsaw defence command.

The message said negotiations for capitulation of Warsaw and Modlin were continuing and should end to-day (Friday).

The report mentioned the severe hardships of the civilian population.

EPIDEMICS IMMINENT

Fire had destroyed the food stores, all hospitals had been destroyed and epidemics were imminent.

"Despite this, the moral strength of the inhabitants remains unimpaired."

The communiqué said the defence command did not wish to increase the superhuman sufferings of the civilian population, and owing to the lack of munitions, they had decided to negotiate the capitulation of Warsaw and Modlin.

"These negotiations are now in progress and should end on Friday, September 28." — Reuter.

16,000 WOUNDED WITHOUT ADEQUATE TREATMENT

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 29, 1.04 p.m.).

Paris, To-day. A strange report has come from Warsaw suggesting that the troops are determined to fight on.

The report, however, goes on to say that negotiations are necessary in view of the lack of water, the fact that 16,000 soldiers are lying wounded with inadequate facilities for treatment, while the number of dead and uninjured cannot be estimated.

The report, which apparently emanates from official quarters, says that both food and ammunition are running short.—Our Own Correspondent.

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JAPANESE MACHINE-GUN JUNK: THREE DEAD

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Kwok stated that on September 13 his junk was anchored off Swabue when two Japanese planes appeared overhead and machine-gunned the junk.

Two women, Ho Yau, 26, and Li Mui, 37, and an eight-year-old girl, Kwok Mui, were killed.

Those wounded were a 49-year-old woman, Ng Kiü, and two boys, Kwok Saing, 13, and Kwok Kan-shing, 12 months.

Kwok Ping arrived in the Colony yesterday.

"EREBUS" GOING HOME

London, To-day.

The monitor "Erebus," now part of the defences of Cape-Town, has been re-transferred to the Admiralty.

Other suitable arrangements are being made at Capetown.

The United Kingdom Government, says a Ministry of Information bulletin, warmly appreciates the prompt response of the Union Government to British proposals for return of the "Erebus."—Reuter.

BREMEN AT MURMANSK

London, To-day. A message from Malmo (Sweden) confirms the earlier report that the German liner "Bremen" is in the North Russian port of Murmansk.

The "Bremen" was seen in Murmansk by the crew of a Swedish vessel which arrived at Malmo yesterday from Russia.—Reuter.

BLENNHEIM BOMBERS FOR RUMANIA

London, To-day. It is stated in official circles here that 14 Blenheim Bombers have recently been flown from England to Rumania by Rumanian pilots.—British Wireless.

CHAPLAIN ON "MUSH"

Militiamen are not "namby-pambies" and want to be soldiers, declared the Rev. A. Wellesley Orr, chaplain of the East Surrey Depot, preaching at the first church parade of Militiamen of the East Surrey Regiment at St. Paul's Church, Kingston-hill, of which he is vicar.

He protested against the idea that Militiamen wished things to be made easy. Their period of military service should enable them to return home with something new in their outlook on life.

He hoped it would help them to clear away some of that sentimentality which had been "turning our civilised life into a great mush and which seemed to demand bouquets for brutes, cushions for criminals, chil-

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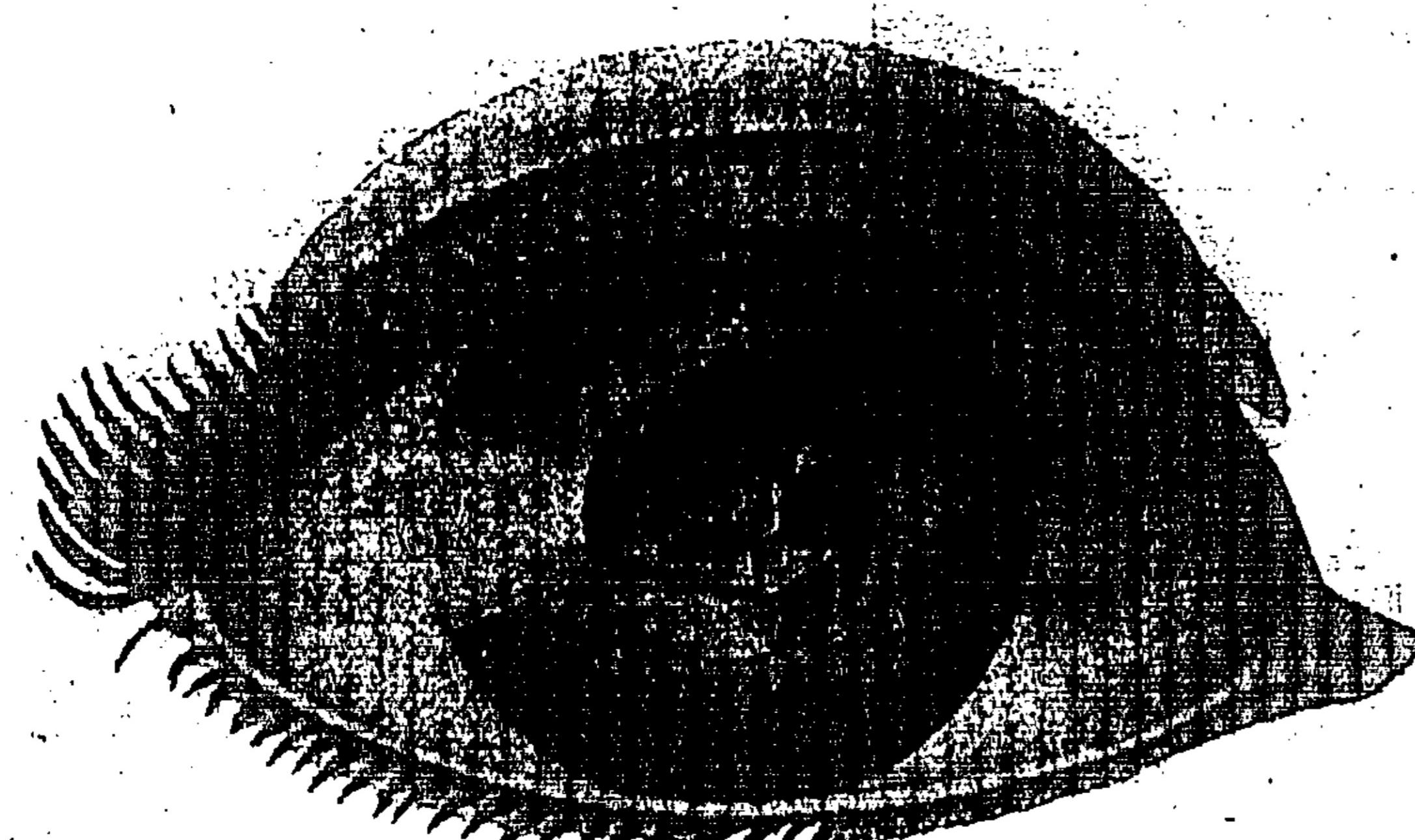
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

U.S. NEUTRALITY

The danger of the United States being drawn into the war does not rest upon any possible action by the Allies, but upon its duration. The longer it lasts the more danger of it becoming more widespread, and ultimately involving the United States. If by adhering to the present policy, which President Roosevelt clearly characterizes as a distinct departure from the historic foreign policy of the country, the United States contribute to the difficulty of the Allies in bringing about as quick a victory as possible; the danger of a general war will be increased, and it is upon that fact that he argues that the best method of keeping the United States out of trouble is by the adoption of an internationally legal policy which would provide that all customers able to pay the money and transport the goods they require should not have them denied. The point has to be made that any scheme whereby the Allies are deprived of the advantages of their naval position, and such a scheme as that under the present Neutrality Act most certainly does that, can have about it nothing of the quality of true neutrality, and is in effect something which operates in favour of Germany by tending to nullify an advantage which the Allies undoubtedly do possess in their sea power. An attitude of complete detachment from the issues which have brought about this war, and from the actual hostilities itself, making sure that the balance is held level between the contending Powers, would be one which would be best calculated to perpetuate that peace which the people of the United States so earnestly desire. That cannot be achieved by a policy of isolation, and it is idle to contend that America can for long remain unaffected by what is pre-totalitarian happening in Europe. American currents of commerce are changing, America's mind is filled with new problems, her position in world affairs is already altered, and it is with the idea of equipping the United States to meet the situation that President Roosevelt is asking for the amendment of the Neutrality Act.—N.C.D.N.

can adventures twenty years later. "Those wretched colonies . . ." was another of Disraeli's outbursts.

Gladstone was no more a "colonies man" than Bismarck, nor can Salisbury be called exactly enthusiastic: "It was impossible that England should have the right to lock up the whole of Africa and say that nobody should be there except herself." Of "prancing proconsuls" he said: "X belongs to the Gordon-Frere type of official, who thinks it his mission to save a short-sighted Government in spite of itself." And of some budding Rhodes who complained of ill-use he remarked: "Buccaneers must expect to rough it."—*"Manchester Guardian."*

GERMANY'S BIRTH RATE

Herr Hitler has pushed up the birth rate by more than four full points in five years, actual births in Germany in 1933 being 971,000, in 1938 1,340,000 (not counting the new and fertile areas gained by conquest). The Nazis were so eager for demographic victory that in their press they put the birth rate up before Hitler had been in power nine months. Thus, whether Hitler tells them to put up their right arms or to put up the birth rate, to create life or to prepare to destroy it, the Germans obey. German friends have said that ladies in their forties who had brought up families, and had

thought they had said good-bye to all that, but who were inspired by patriotic impulses to emerge from retirement and provide one more baby for Hitler. At least, that was their own explanation. The "Schwarze Korps," organ of the S.S. militia, advertises and encourages the prolificacy of the black-shirted guards by publishing photographs of their babies. In its pages babies and guns are appropriately mingled. To those bred in the era it must seem slightly odd to be born for political reasons. "Here is little Rudolf," a parent might say, "who owes his existence to the 1939 crisis over Danzig. He was our supplementary offering to the Fuehrer." But if States control the birth rate, as they strive, in some cases with success, to do, one may expect the output of babies to be deliberately adjusted to political circumstances. In tranquil times—if there are ever to be such in Totalitarianism—some margin might be allowed for the luxury of what the Grand Council of Fascism calls "the calculations of reason." But in disturbed and ominous periods "healthy natural instinct" would be mobilized, perhaps by official decrees published in the press and stuck on the walls, and ordered to do its duty. The cradles would be filled against an emergency, along with the granaries and the arsenals. Just as shadow factories would be started up to expand the air force, so the reserve resources of a prolific race would be called into the service of the State. For as Spengler expressed it, and as Germans have believed for generations, "the individual does not count; he must sacrifice himself to the whole." The Prussian military State, which Hegel thought was the supreme realisation of the freedom whose achievement was the purpose of the universe, comes first. If the State wants babies it is the business of the individual to provide them in the required numbers. Marriage may exist for all the reasons cited in the Prayer Book, but from the point of view of the State it exists to meet the needs of the General Staff.

CAIN THE FIRST ISOLATIONIST

"If there is a general European war we may be able to stay out, and that may well be the wisest course left open to us. But make no mistake in assuming that we can remain untouched by the brutal spectacle. It is not well for any nation to say, it is naught to us what happens across the water. There are no caves in which men can hide when their fellows cry out in agony. We are part of the world and all human beings are knitted together into a corporate unity. It was Cain who said, 'am I my brother's keeper?' And for his sin he was banished from the company of his fellows. He was the first of the world's isolationists." Heywood Broun, American columnist.

ANTI-COLONIALS

Mr. Ramsay Muir's plans for solving the colonial question bring to mind one curious fact about colonies—namely, that evidence could be produced in most cases to show that no country wanted them very much. In the past, Bismarck, for instance, declared that he was no colonies man. Citizens of the United States had been looking forward with relief to the day when they could get rid of their Philippine Islands liability, though world events may now make a different policy necessary. But it is surely true that "anti-colonies" is . . . the prevailing American spirit. Those who tried to maintain France's American empire in the eighteenth century found plenty of which to complain in the home Government's attitude.

In our own case the instances are striking enough. They are provided by statesmen from the time of the American Declaration of Independence onwards. "To save the Canadians to defend themselves," wrote Disraeli to Derby in 1868, "recall the African squadron, give up the settlements on the west coast of Africa . . . [and] the colonial deadweights." Which was very much what Germans were saying about their own South-west Africa.

"Time and Tide."

COSTLY NAZI FAILURE

Paris, To-day.

Military and naval experts attach great importance to the costly failure of the German aerial attack on the British naval squadron.

They recall that at various international naval conferences, the liveliest controversies had occurred between the British and French delegates who stood for the essential importance of battleships, and other authorities who argued at the speedy disappearances of battleships in the face of decisive superiority of the aeroplanes.

The present occasion was the first large-scale bombing attack on battleships at sea and the British success is held to confirm the soundness of the British and French Admiralties' viewpoint.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S AIR FORCE RESOURCES

London, To-day.

The Commandant of one of the new training wings of the R.A.F., designed to give a continuous supply of pilots and other personnel, commenting on the present recruits, said that nothing could equal them and many thousand more were already on the waiting list.

The resources of Canada, Australia and New Zealand were not yet touched.

When one remembers the Dominion resources, the supply can be kept up to the end of any war that Germany can fight.

We have materials that make the finest pilots in world "and by reason of this good material, Britain is going to win the war hands down."—British Wireless.

BIG DEFENCE LOAN IN BRITAIN EXPECTED SOON

THE CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, speaking on the budget in the House of Commons, said the time was rapidly approaching when borrowing plans must be announced.

"Our object is to borrow from the genuine savings of the people at the lowest rate we can."

He added that the direct taxation proposed is going to inflict the most frightful blow to a great many homes which may seem comfortable and well-appointed.

The richer classes will have to revise the scale of their lives quite materially.

Sir John appealed to them not to begin economising by dismissing their staffs.

The general debate and committee stage of the budget resolutions has concluded.—Reuter.

COMMONS MEETING

London, To-day. The Commons will meet next week on Tuesday when the Prime Minister will make a statement on the general position.—British Wireless.

U-BOATS ROUND JAPAN?

London, To-day. German submarines are being steadily driven away from the British Isles and are now operating mainly along the coasts of Scandinavia, South America and Japan!

This is declared, in competent naval circles, to be the consequence of the British Navy's increasingly complete command of the seas.—Reuter.

ALLIED MASTERY OF AIR ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

ALTHOUGH THE CLOSE co-operation of the French and British air forces was mentioned yesterday for the first time in a French communiqué, the power of the Allied air arm is beginning to make itself acutely felt on the Western Front.

The Germans are still obliged to maintain a certain number of planes in Poland. Moreover, without taking into account the losses of German planes on the Polish Front, others which have been almost incessantly in the air in the past three weeks will need long overhaul.

Apart from the air activity, the only outstanding feature in yesterday's operations, was a small German attack in the region west of Saarbruecken.

The impression gleaned was that the German High Command was trying to sound all sectors in turn in an attempt to guess French intentions.—Reuter.

ATTACK SUCCESSFUL

Paris, To-day. A communiqué states: A local attack by our troops in the district east of Moselle has developed favourably and we made some prisoners.—Reuter.

RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announced yesterday that on Tuesday and Wednesday night R.A.F. planes made reconnaissance flights over Germany and the western front.

Valuable information was brought back, and in spite of opposition from enemy anti-aircraft defences, all our planes returned safely.—Reuter.

TREASURY'S THETIS DECISION

London, To-day.

Estates of those who died in the Thetis disaster will find no relief from death duties.

This was announced yesterday by the Lords Commissioner of the Treasury.

A statement says that the circumstances of the sinking, grievous though they are, come within the ordinary scope of the regulations on the subject:

These regulations provide for remission of death duties when death occurs on active service, or service of a warlike nature, or service involving the same risks.—Reuter.

GREECE REASSURED

Athens, To-day.

The British Legation here has issued a statement to the effect that all commodities to meet her needs will be shipped to Greece.

The statement is in reply to rumours started by Nazi sources that Greek food imports might be difficult.—Reuter.

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DUTIES OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION: PREMIER MAKES A STATEMENT

London, To-day.

A STATEMENT on the Ministry of Information was made in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain said a review was now being made of the arrangements for distribution of news, including the question of direct contact between the press and Government departments.

AMERICAN NEUTRAL ZONE PLANS

New York, To-day.

Details of the proposals in connection with the extension of American territorial waters, put before the Pan-American Conference at Panama City, are given by a correspondent.

The zone, he says, excludes a band six miles wide around Canada and the possessions of European countries.

Within this band, belligerents would be free to fight.

Belligerent submarines could pass through the zone but would be interned directly they entered the territorial waters and ports of any American country.—Reuter.

AMERICAN BUYING OF SILVER

Washington, To-day.

United - States - Canada agreement for American purchase of 1,200,000 ounces of silver has been renewed for another month.—Reuter.

The Premier said that Lord Macmillan, head of the Ministry of Information, had asked him to make the position clear.

The Ministry's responsibility did not extend beyond the provision of means of communication of news to the press.

The function of the Ministry was to issue news, from a central source, from other departments.

Special mechanical facilities at the Ministry, said Mr. Chamberlain, were of great advantage to press representatives.—Reuter.

MINISTER ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION

London, To-day.

Replying to Major C. R. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Minister of Information had called attention to questions on his responsibility for news and had asked for clarification.

The Prime Minister declared that the Minister of Information's responsibility for news had not been extended in any way beyond the provision of means for its communication to the press.

His function was merely to issue from a central source whatever news was made available to him from other departments.

Mr. Chamberlain added that Lord Macmillan had intimated that he was now engaged upon a review of arrangements for the distribution of news, including the question of direct contact between the Press and departments.—Reuter.

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NAZI SUBS. PUSHED OFF THE SEA

London, To-day.

In less than a month, the German submarine menace has largely been overcome.

German submarines have been driven from the narrow seas where the ocean shipping lanes converge to the wider stretches of open sea.

Here they will find it more difficult to detect and overtake merchant ships.

The situation is similar to that at the end of the Great War, when the U-boat danger had been practically overcome.—Reuter.

N.Z. MAKING BIG EFFORT FOR R.A.F.

London, To-day

It has been announced that New Zealand is making a special effort to supply the R.A.F. with trained pilots and other flying personnel.

This contribution is supplementary to what she is already doing, for there are at present in the United Kingdom undergoing training or already pilots in R.A.F. nearly 400 New Zealanders.

These have come to England in the past two or three years in drafts of from 20 to 30 and have been posted to various air units.

The Air Force in New Zealand also is well up to strength and is a thoroughly efficient and well-equipped arm of the Dominion's defence.

Its personnel includes many officers and men trained in England and some who served in the R.A.F. in France during the last war.—British Wireless.

LIE FACTORY WORKING FULL BLAST

London, To-day.

It was announced on the German wireless on Wednesday night that four bombs had been dropped by British bombers on the Belgian side of the Belgo-German frontier.

The aeroplanes were said to have swerved over Belgian territory to avoid German anti-aircraft fire.

Enquiries made in official circles in London show this report to be entirely devoid of foundation.—British Wireless.

NAZI NAVAL COMMANDER WITHIN HIS RIGHTS

London, To-day.

AN ADMIRALTY STATEMENT says that the commander of the German destroyer which took off seven British seamen from a Swedish steamer was within his rights under international law.

The men were the crew of a trawler which had been previously sunk in the North Sea and they were rescued by the Swedish vessel "Crown Princess Margaret."

Two German destroyers stopped the Swedish vessel and demanded that the

RATIONS FOR THE SWISS

Berne, To-day.

Switzerland is to have rationing of certain foods as from the beginning of November.

They include sugar, rice, products of wheat, barley and fat.—Reuter.

THOSE ALLEGED FUNK-HOLES

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

DR. BOEHMER, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN PRESS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF PROPAGANDA, HAS APPEALED TO FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS IN BERLIN TO ASSIST IN DISPROVING MR. H. R. KNICKERBOCKER'S ALLEGATIONS REGARDING NAZI LEADERS' INVESTMENTS ABROAD.

Dr. Boehmer quoted three telegrams from the manager of the Kreisbank Gladbach of Muhich; Graber, manager of the Dortmund Union Brewery, and the representative of the Ehr Publishing House, claiming to refute Mr. Knickerbocker's statements.

Dr. Boehmer offered to pay correspondents' expenses incurred in making investigations.—Reuter.

CZECHS AND THE POLES

Paris, To-day.

The Czechoslovakian Minister to Paris, who is also Foreign Minister of the provisional Czechoslovakian Government, yesterday stated:

"We Czechs and Slovaks are in full sympathy with the Poles."

"The occupation of Poland and Czechoslovakia's momentary eclipse of liberty, unites us in the same feelings and hopes."—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO ADJOURN

Panama City, To-day.

The Pan-American Conference, which is discussing American neutrality, is expected to adjourn tomorrow (Saturday). — Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera.

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London, To-day.

AN ADMIRALTY STATEMENT says that the commander of the German destroyer which took off seven British seamen from a Swedish steamer was within his rights under international law.

The men were the crew of a trawler which had been previously sunk in the North Sea and they were rescued by the Swedish vessel "Crown Princess Margaret."

Two German destroyers stopped the Swedish vessel and demanded that the

British seamen be handed over. The seamen should not be treated as prisoners of war, the Admiralty statement concludes, but they can be legally interned as enemy subjects of military age, just as German subjects in this country are interned.—Reuter.

News Snack Bar

MORE TAXES AND SALARY CUTS LIKELY IN CEYLON

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Ceylon Board of Ministers to examine the financial situation was held last week.

The position is that the war has upset the calculations of the Board of Ministers and a whole revision of policy to meet the changed situation has been rendered imperative.

The Financial Secretary, it is learned, submitted a statement to the Board outlining the aggravated financial situation which, in his opinion, will have to be faced by the most rigorous economy in Government expenditure.

The war conditions, it is anticipated, will severely affect all channels of Government revenue on the one side, and on the other impose a severe strain on the Government's slender resources in consequence of the inevitable increased expenditure on defence.

The Board of Ministers, it is stated, will be compelled to adopt special measures to safeguard the exchequer from bankruptcy, and proposals which will be examined in this connection will be the imposition of a salary "cut" on Government servants and further taxation, possibly an increase of Income Tax.

As regards the Budget which is at present being dealt with by the State Council, the Board's policy will be to avoid expenditure on every non-essential item and so reduce expenditure on public works to the irreducible minimum.

Even loan works for which money has already been earmarked will be subjected to a close scrutiny before any of them are embarked upon in view of the urgent need for conserving Government's cash resources. Some of these items will be indefinitely deferred.

Special attention is to be paid by the Board to the defence expenditure which will require to be met during the duration of the War. In this connection the possibility of partial demobilisation of the Defence Force at an early date will be gone into.

Relief in this respect will depend on the indications of the international situation so far as the safety of Ceylon is concerned.

Now To Be Taxed

Commissioners for Income Tax decided that recipients of sickness and disablement benefits, paid by approved and friendly societies, trade unions, and other bodies, are liable to income tax on the amounts received. The benefits are now "annual payments" within the meaning of Case 111 of Schedule D of the Income Tax Act, 1918.

Queen To Launch

Battleship

The Queen will launch the new £8,000,000 battleship Duke of York at Clydebank on September 16, it was officially announced from Buckingham Palace. The battleship is being built by John Brown and Co., Ltd., Clydebank.



THEY'RE TOUGH, MIGHTY TOUGH IN THE NAVY.—It needs a pretty tough crew to heave a two-ton cutter around for a couple of miles and this seaman's crew from H.M.S. "Shropshire" look tough alright. They are not exactly an "eight" out for a practice paddle—they definitely mean business. (Copyright, Fox).

Adam Statue

Scratched

Five small scratches discovered on a leg of Epstein's "Adam," which is on exhibition at Blackpool, are believed to have been made by souvenir hunters trying to secure chips with penknives.

£410 For Piece Of Stone

A number of pre-historic antiquities, property of Mr. William Hearst, removed from St. Donat's Castle, Wales, were auctioned in London. High prices were paid for pieces of Egyptian limestone. One of these, a piece of the eighteenth dynasty, fifteen inches by thirteen inches, was sold for £410.

Triplets Brothers 60

Ernest, Albert and Mortimer Morton, who were born at Beeley Hill Top Farm, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, on July 31, 1879, have celebrated their 60th birthday. Thanksgiving services were held in Beeley Methodist Church, and after a family gathering at their old home, villagers were entertained in the Methodist school. Ernest is a baker at Boroughbridge, Yorks; Albert lives at Matlock Bath; and Mortimer is a farmer at Stanley Common, near Derby.

Duty Down On Imported

Cherries

The duty of 25 per cent. on preserved cherries (other than cherries in syrup) is to be reduced to 15 per cent. The idea is to help jam manufacturers.

More U.S. Anti-Nazi

Films

Hollywood is to go on producing anti-Nazi films. Following "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," two more films dealing with German political conditions are to be produced soon.

Quads Much Better

Ann and Paul Miles, two of the St. Neots, Hunts, quads who are ill with bronchitis, are now much better. Ernest and Michael, who have had slight colds, are fully recovered.

Charles Dickens's

"Double"

Councillor J. T. Hawes, Mayor of Chatham, who is regarded as Charles Dickens's double, has accepted the mayoralty for the second year.

30 Times Round

The World

Mr. Arthur K. Rhoden, 73, of Holland Park, London, W., a steel merchant, landed at Liverpool from the Canadian Pacific liner Montrose after his 30th trip around the world.

Fountain Sends

Up Scent

A fountain which spouts scent has been erected in the middle of the "Ether Oil Plants" Pavilion at the Soviet Union's Agricultural Exhibition.

V.C. Leads Boys

To Canada

Led by the Rev. Geoffrey Woolley, V.C., twenty-six boys from British public schools sailed in the Cunard White Star liner Aurania from Southampton to Canada under the School Empire Tour scheme.

"Oldest watch in the English-speaking world" is claim made for a Saxon pocket sundial found recently during alterations to the Cloister Garth at Canterbury Cathedral. It consists of a silver tablet marked with the months and attached to a gold chain and with a gold pin or gnomon.



THE LION ROARS.—Dictatorial expression was written all over the face of this lion when he showed his resentment of the approach of the photographer. A remarkable photograph of a lion and his mate in the Kruger National Park in the Transvaal. (Copyright, Fox).

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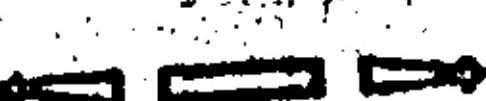
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NIGHT IN THE FERRY INN

There was not a great deal of custom for the Ferry Inn. It was too isolated. It was not on the mainland but across the river causeway.

Behind it lay miles of sheep-grazing, on either side the sluggish marshes against which the sea silted, year after year, from the river mouth, a mixture of sand and mud, and, in stormy weather, piled its stinking burden higher and higher to form a natural breakwater.

The inn owned the ferry rights of the causeway, and when the huge iron bell was tolled across from the mainland the inn's boat was rowed across to answer its summons. But the profit from that obligatory transport was greatly dependent upon the season of the year, while the dilapidation of the inn and the known surliness of its owner, Roger Pooley, caused the fishing boats and small yachts — which at times put in for anchorage down the river — to ignore the creaking, shabby sign which hung out over the water's edge. Only the few inhabitants of the island regularly frequented the bar parlour or tap-room, and that was for lack of better.

Beth, Roger's wife, served them. Beth did all the work of the inn. Roger preferred to absorb his own wares with such company as he could obtain, even though his surly conviviality was apt to lose him his company.

Beth was thirty, perhaps a little more. There were those who could have remembered her as a fresh complexioned, bright-eyed girl, with hair which had had the vital sheen of the wing of a blackbird. But as they saw day after day the drab figure of the woman who polished and scrubbed, measured and passed, with her lifeless air, the premature ageing of her caused them to forget that it was she who had been the bride of whom Roger Pooley had seemed almost proud.

They knew that Roger lifted his fist to her, but in their opinion it was no business of theirs to interfere between man and wife. Occasionally, if it occurred to them, the women might murmur with some sympathy, recalling the past.

"She'd have done better, if she'd taken Jem 'What-was-his-name' . . . he was a likely fellow . . . and he was courting her honest enough."

"True enough, but he cleared off . . . never came back to the island! After that she hadn't much choice!"

There was, at that, little further to remark. The women of the island had their own troubles and perplexities, and Roger was a husband who saw to it that his wife remained aloof. At the same time, more than one made the prophecy:

"One day there'll be something happen, him being the brute he is!"

That prophecy was fulfilled.

It was a night in March. Gusty, with flying gobs of dirty scum whipped from the river. There was a clump of trees by the inn which whined a tuneless accompaniment to the creaking of the sign and the shivering of the old building. The sheep were huddled in plaintive silence in the slight dips which gave shelter, but the nightbirds' questing added shrill misery from time to time as their abrupt calls blew through the eeriness of the darkness.

The last customer had left, and Roger Pooley leaned across the bar-counter of his taproom, an empty glass at his elbow and a morose expression upon his heavy-jowled face. That night he had been drinking whisky alternately with the heavy beer which was his customary pleasure, and he was very drunk.

In a dazed way he eyed Beth sweeping up the nightly litter, wiping the spittle from the worn stone of the floor, straightening benches and set-ties.

Deep in his mind was a dissatisfaction with her. It was as if he had not looked at her for a long time. Suddenly she seemed to him so poor a her.

As the wind moaned and whimpered, recollection came to him of a night similar in its wild misery and it she felt more than saw him sag-

giness of the mucky breakwater under his heavy boots, the odd squelch as he had lowered the sagging burden he had carried a mile along the marshes.

It had not been difficult to force that unresisting weight down deep; the mud had sucked greedily as if anxious to be ahead of the dawn tide so soon to sweep in, bringing further obliteration.

"But . . ." Roger Pooley found himself thinking, "had she been worth it?"

There had been little risk at the time. A man worked on the island, endured its hardships, courted where he could, took such company as he could find. One day he rebelled. He crossed to the mainland; he was no more seen. That had happened before, it would happen again. It was quite understood. Within a week no one had thought more of the disappearance of Jem Marston.

With the exception, perhaps, of Beth.

Roger's mouth twisted. He had got her in the end, but it had been a struggle. She had shown little sign of the smarting of humiliation in what had so clearly been desertion of her flying clouds flung a shimmering in her first young love. But for long pathway across the causeway as if to

with a grunt, overcome at last, rolling under the table.

So he had done many nights, and those many nights she had been thankful for the drunken stupor which gave her relief of him. Thankfully she closed her eyes again, waiting for strength to return to her.

It was at that moment that she heard the clang of the ferry bell echoing from the other side of the water.

She wrenched herself into consciousness. He could not go, he was snoring in oblivious discomfort, so she knew that she must. Wearily, painfully, she dragged herself to her feet.

Again came the insisted clamour, and she found herself hurrying. The loose pebbles of the slight shingling rattled under her feet as she reached the beached boat, but even thought one had thought more of the disappearance of Jem Marston.

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Beth.

Once she had pushed the boat out

and was tugging at the clumsy oars

she felt better.

The water had become smoother.

The moon disengaged of the former

had so clearly been desertion of her flying clouds flung a shimmering

in her first young love. But for long pathway across the causeway as if to

the toll of the bell.

But he had waisted and he had got

her. And then, that March night he

looked at her and wondered, after

all, what had he got?

"Fetch out a bit of bread and

cheese," he ordered her thickly.

She was on her knees at the hearth,

raking the embers.

"Did you hear me?" His voice had

a growling note.

"Like those nights . . ." she broke

Hurriedly Beth moved. He was

again in a mood the years had taught

anguish of self-protection from a

her to dread. Menacing . . . bru-

tal.

One day, she supposed, he'd hit her

a bit too hard. With sick hatred in

her heart she wished that he would.

He'd have to pay for it then. As she

went into the kitchen she was think-

ing of him twisting with a rope round

soothed in Spring courting, the caress

his neck. She'd lie, she thought, very

quiet in her grave if she could know

river from clean endless space.

what 'ud happen to him. That 'ud be

She had walked in the sweetness of

justice, she thought. He'd taken her such nights with Jem. She forced

life from her utterly, and the Book

herself into an insistence that she no

said, "A Life for a life." So far as

longer remembered. It had been a

her body was concerned she would

dream in a dreamlike past. To con-

willing sacrifice what remained of it,

sider it in any other way only in-

be quit of its sufferings, and know her

tensed the bleak agony of the pre-

sent, and the horror of the empty

future.

She laid out the food he had de-

manded on the trestle table of the

taproom and returned with a cloth in

her hand to wipe down the spillings

of the bar-counter. She reached for

his empty glass.

"Leave that be," he said and drove

at her with his fist.

The blow was so sudden that

her outstretched hand caught the

glass and it rolled, falling with her,

to break into glittering fragments on

the flagstones. She knew a sharp pang which was more than

know. She was staring at him, lost in

the hurt of her fall. It was so severe a surge of bewilderment. But she

that the pain of it was swamped by

knew as he smiled at her that the

sudden dizziness.

"I'll drink as I want . . . you

should know that by now," she heard

him say, and opening her eyes with

difficulty she saw him reach for an-

other glass, and fill it and drain it.

In those seconds she felt incapable of

movement and she lay there as he

picked up the breadknife, hacking at

the loaf, without another look at

the earthenware of the mainland stretch-

ing ahead of her.

The midday sun was streaming in

through the wooden shutters when

Roger Pooley opened his eyes. But it

was not the sun which awakened him

from his drunken sleep. He was con-

scious of rough shaking and a harsh

voice commanding.

Glad of the respite, she was con-

scious of the passing of her dizziness.

It was succeeded by lethargy. Through

"Come on, now . . . rouse up

Dazed, he sat up. He saw the badge

of authority, behind it a row of frightened faces, distorted from familiarity until they appeared as blank and taut as those of the sheep winding danger.

Before he knew more he felt the chill of steel fettering his wrists.

"I'll want you . . ." the voice was again harsh and rasping, but Roger was not listening to it. His staring eyes focussed slowly. Very gradually he noticed along dark patch, soaking, sticky in its spread towards him, and here and there some splintered glass. But—there was something partly bright with the sun's rays on it, partly stained—the breadknife which had fallen from his clasp as he rolled on the floor. He saw a hand reach for it and pick it up carefully.

It was then that he became aware of Beth's body, crumpled and downflung with the still limpness of a half-spilled sack. He could not withdraw his gaze from it.

"Beth?" his parched lips soundlessly formed her name. He could not understand why she appeared so unfamiliar. Her hair had fallen loose round her upturned face, and though it was ghastly pale and her lips drained of colour, yet she seemed once more as when he had first seen her, first coveted her, and to gain her had heaved his rival's body into the mire the sea had heaped guarding his secret.

Even as he was jerked roughly to his feet he continued to stare at her.

"It was very queer," the thought stirred sluggishly in his fume-filled mind, "that she should be lying there like that!"

Something very peculiar must have happened to her, for her seemed to be dead. There was blood all round her as if she had bled to death.

He could not understand that. Nor could he understand the change in her. Lying there she looked so young, and—he had forgotten that she could—she was smiling.

HISTORIC DOCUMENTS RESCUED

An early twelfth century document which had not seen the light of day for nearly 300 years, is one of the latest of many papers of historic interest to have been rescued by the British Records Association.

The document, retrieved from a collection of family papers which were threatened, with destruction is a deed executed by Thurstone, Provost of Beverley, who was elected Archbishop of York 1174.

His election in that year establishes the age of this document, executed by Thurston as Provost and not as Archbishop as not less than 825 years.



NO GOVERNMENT PLAN TO SET UP FOOD PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT IN BRITAIN

HOME RACING TO RESUME

London, To-day. The Racing Calendar officially announces that meetings will be resumed at Newmarket on October 18 and 19 and February 1. The Cambridgeshire will be run on October 18 and the Cesarewitch on November 2.—Reuter.

INDIAN SENT TO JAIL FOR 18 MONTHS

After a retirement of 30 minutes, the Jury at the Criminal Sessions to-day, returned a six-to-one verdict of guilty against Bahadur Khan, a special guard, charged with rape.

Accused was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, accused maintained that he was innocent and that all the stories were false.

Mr. M. J. Abbott said accused had a clean record. He joined the Watchman's Force on May 14, 1938, and was recruited from India. In January this year, he was transferred to the Special Guard branch and, since June, had been attached to Wong Nei Cheong Police Station.

The Chief Justice said that defendant, by his act, had spoiled a good record. Had the offence been against a younger woman, it would have been more serious. As it was, the least sentence he could impose was 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

SUNDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1939

OLD COURSE

9.10 a.m.	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.20	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
9.24	J. Linaker, J. B. Harrison.
9.28	A. Sommerfelt, A. B. Purves.
9.32	J. C. Brown, L. Jackson.
9.36	A. C. Meredith, E. P. Streastfield.
9.40	Brig. MacLeod, I. H. Geare.
9.44	W. Park, M. Pollock.
10.10	T. A. Pearce, F. D. Hunter.

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As far as food was concerned, he said, we were on balance better off in a number of ways than in the last War.

The Government's plan to plough 1,500,000 acres was proceeding well.

Three thousand women had joined the Women's Land Army and were being trained. Another 7,000 were being trained in various institutions and still more on private farms.

1,000 TO ONE

It was encouraging to think, he concluded, that we had to-day 1,000 tractors for every one in the Great War.

The Government planned to produce another 400,000 allotments.—Reuter.

SENTENCES IN 'DECoy' CASE

For impersonating police officers, Tong Ming-heung, 29, who admitted a previous conviction, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and Chan Nam, 30, to two months' imprisonment at the Kowloon to-day.

In addition, both accused were each fined \$200, or three months' hard labour, for stealing \$2.70 from Lam Fu-chung. For being implicated in the same case, a woman, Li Yau, 20, was fined \$50 or six weeks.

It was alleged that the two men employed the woman, the wife of Tong, to lure Lam into a dark lane where he was set upon by the two men, who posed as police officers, and robbed.

TRANSMITTER CASE

Three days' remand was granted by Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning when seven Shanghai Chinese appeared on a charge of illegally maintaining a radio-communication station without a licence in a house in Nathan Road. They were released on bail of \$2,000 each.

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WOMAN INJURED BY SNATCHER

A Chinese lady, Li Lai-wan, of No. 118, Main Street, Aplichau, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of a struggle with a snatcher in Pokfulam Road. She struggled with the man and fell, and injured her head. The man got away with her handbag, which contained \$47.50 in money.

Miss Alice Ho, of No. 47, Hankow Road, has informed the Police that at about 10 a.m. yesterday while she was walking in Pokfulam Road, near Ricci Hall, an unknown Chinese snatched her handbag, which with contents, was valued at \$73.

"NO! NO! NANETTE"

The Committee of The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society have announced that arrangements have now been completed to continue with the production of the musical comedy, "No! No! Nanette."

It is intended to devote all profits derived from this production to the Hong Kong War Organisation Fund.

The first rehearsal will be held on Monday, October 2, at the Cathedral Hall, Garden Road, at 5.30 p.m. Vocal scores are obtainable at Messrs. Tsang Fook and Co., Ltd., Marina House.

It will be realised that the Society, in carrying on under the present circumstances, is working under most difficult conditions and it is therefore hoped that all members and the public in general will give every assistance to the Society and make this production an outstanding success for such a worthy cause.

HONG KONG STUDENT KILLED

A memorial service was held at Confucius Hall yesterday for the late Kwan Fong-ming, vice-captain of the 3rd Wartime Service Corp of the Hong Kong Student Relief Association, who was killed by Japanese fire at Wangmoon, on September 14.

Over 100 representatives of various organisations and individuals were present.

Mr. Kwan aged 23, was formerly a student of King's College.—Central News.

KWETY KITTU



Curiosity may be a prying thing but it certainly gets one the knowledge one wants.

CHOCOLATE BOX FASHIONS

Changing fashions in chocolate boxes are reflected in a trade exhibition at the Central Hall, Westminster.

The leaders of the chocolate world are co-operating in running a series of exhibitions in the chief centres. The exhibition has just come from Cardiff, and when it leaves London it will go to Brighton and then to Blackpool.

The secretary of the exhibition said it was almost impossible to sell a chocolate box in these days if the lid contained the picture of a pretty girl.

"People prefer dogs or other animals, landscapes, and so on," he added.

Most of the boxes on view bore landscapes, reproductions of famous pictures and modern conventional designs, but there was not a girl's head among them.

H.K. TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mr. L. B. Holmes, of No. 199, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, to-day for driving in a dangerous manner in Stubbs Road.

Mr. F. G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that defendant failed to keep close to the left when rounding a bend.

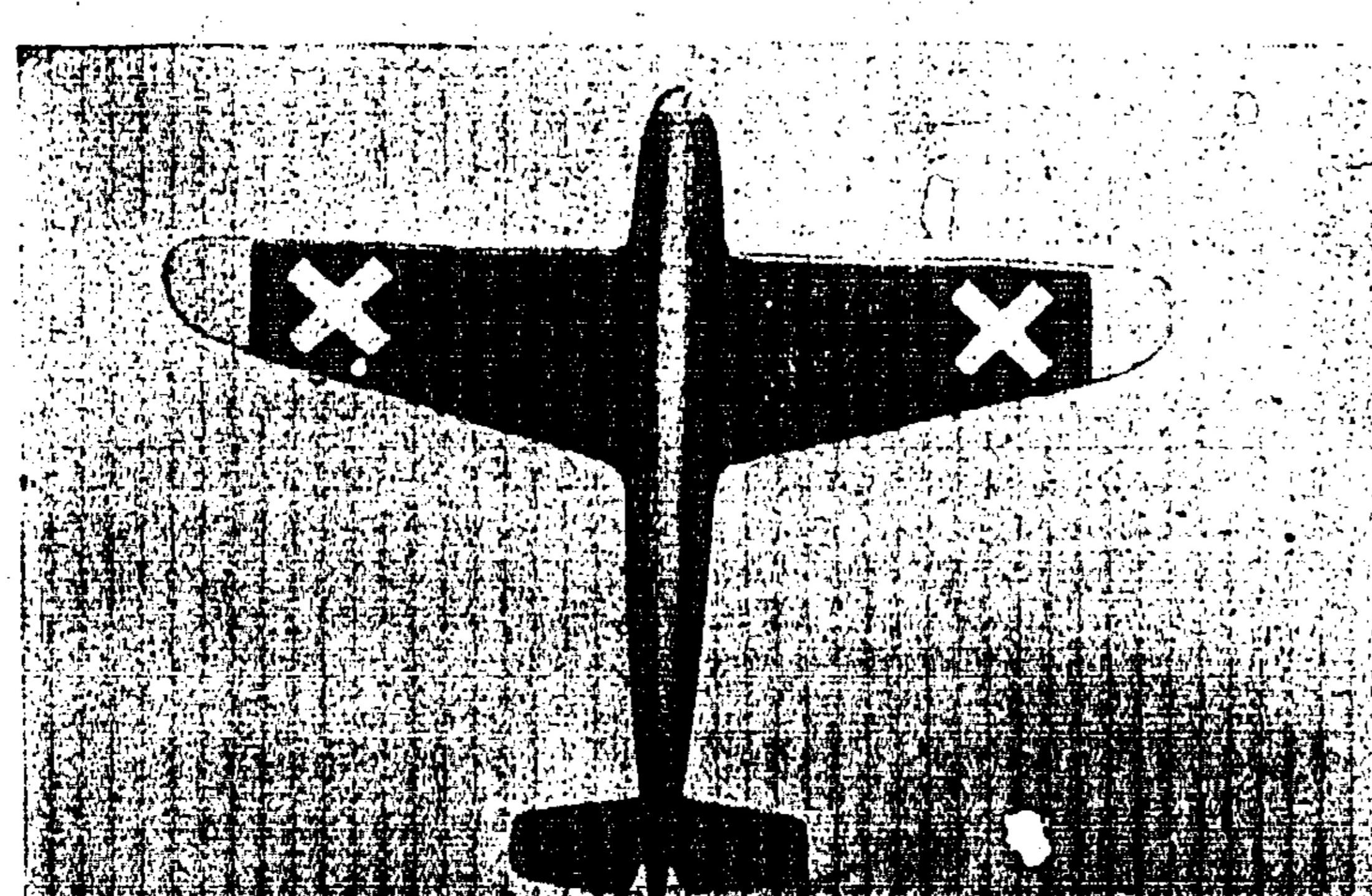
Hearing was fixed for October 12. Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke is in charge of the case.

Mr. B. M. Bateman, of Jardine Matheson and Company, was fined \$20 for parking overtime in Pedder Street. Defendant had four previous convictions for a similar offence.

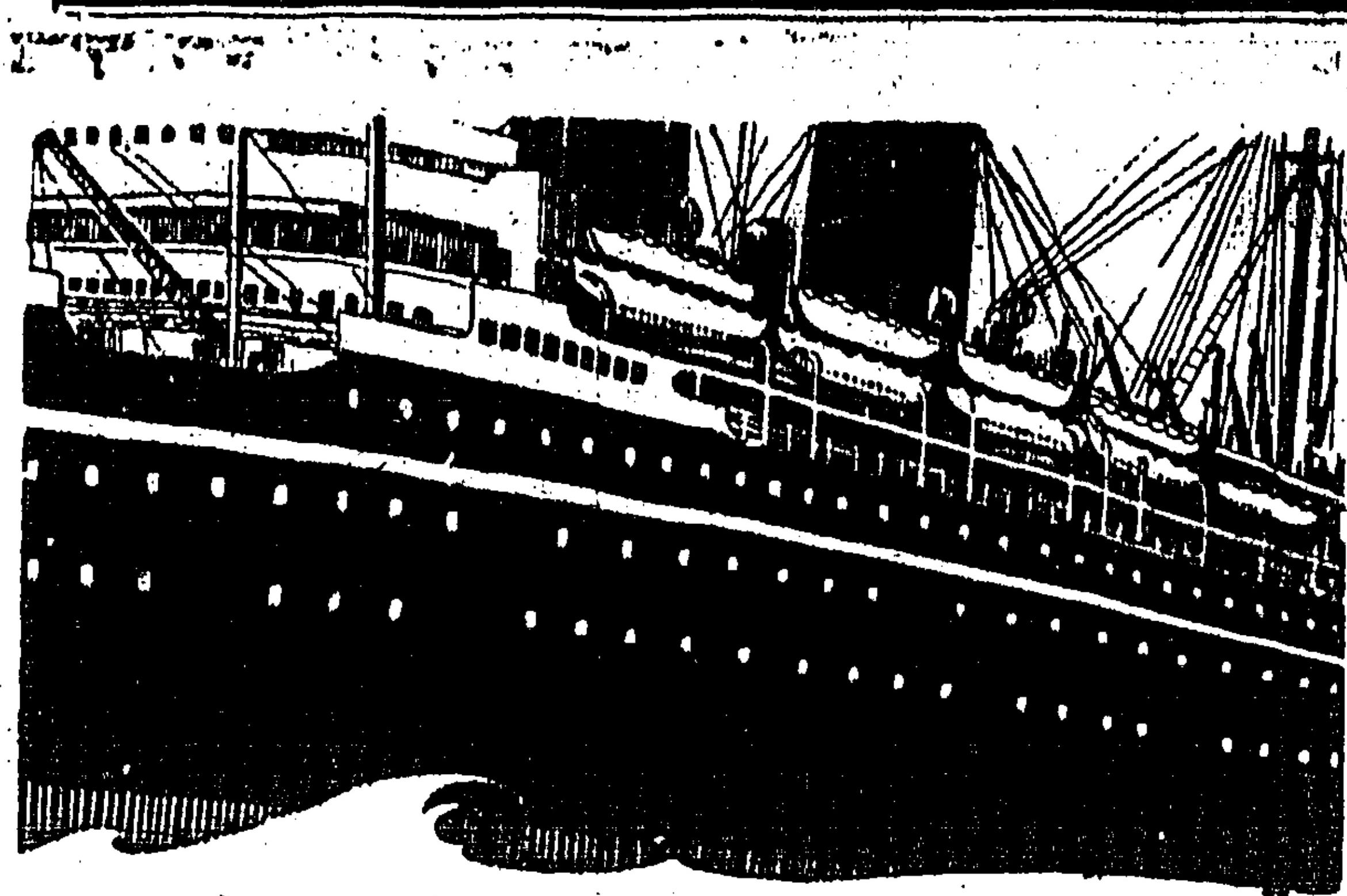
Mr. G. R. Horridge, of No. 42, Kennedy Road, was fined \$5 for parking overtime in Pedder Street.

CINCINNATI WINS NATIONAL TITLE

New York To-day. By beating St. Louis by 3 runs to 3 the Cincinnati Reds have won the National Baseball League pennant.—Reuter.



The Messerschmidt super-pursuer plane, stated to be the best in the Nazi air force. Eight of these are reported to have been shot down in dog-fights with French fighters. Only four French machines were lost.



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INWARD MAILS

Straits	September	29.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st September	September	29.
Shanghai	September	29.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 2nd Sept.)	September	29.
Shanghai	September	29.
Canton	September	29.
Saigon	September	29.
Haiphong	September	30.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	September	30.
Shanghai	September	30.
Japan	September	30.
Haiphong	September	30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 8th September)	September	30.
Shanghai and Amoy	October	1.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 24th Sept.	October	1.
Shanghai and Amoy	October	1.
Shanghai	October	1.
Straits	October	2.
Straits	October	2.
Calcutta and Straits	October	2.
Straits	October	2.
Shanghai and Amoy	October	2.

OUTWARD MAI LS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
FRIDAY		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America; Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 18th October.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Haiphong	Par.,	Sept. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Manila	Reg.,	Sept. 29, 9.15 a.m.
	Ora.,	Sept. 29, 10.00 a.m.
		Sept. 29, 1.00 p.m.
		Sept. 29, 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 6th October.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Sept. 29, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Sept. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Sept. 29, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Sept. 30, 7.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th October.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Par.,	Sept. 29, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Sept. 30, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Sept. 30, 9.30 a.m.
		Sept. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon		Sept. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Formosa		Sept. 30, 2.00 p.m.
Haiphong		Sept. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Sept. 30, 5.00 p.m.
Manila		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 8th October.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Sept. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Sept. 30, 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Haiphong		Oct. 1, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai		Oct. 1, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Dairen		Oct. 2, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	P/P.,	Oct. 2, 11.00 a.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 2, Noon

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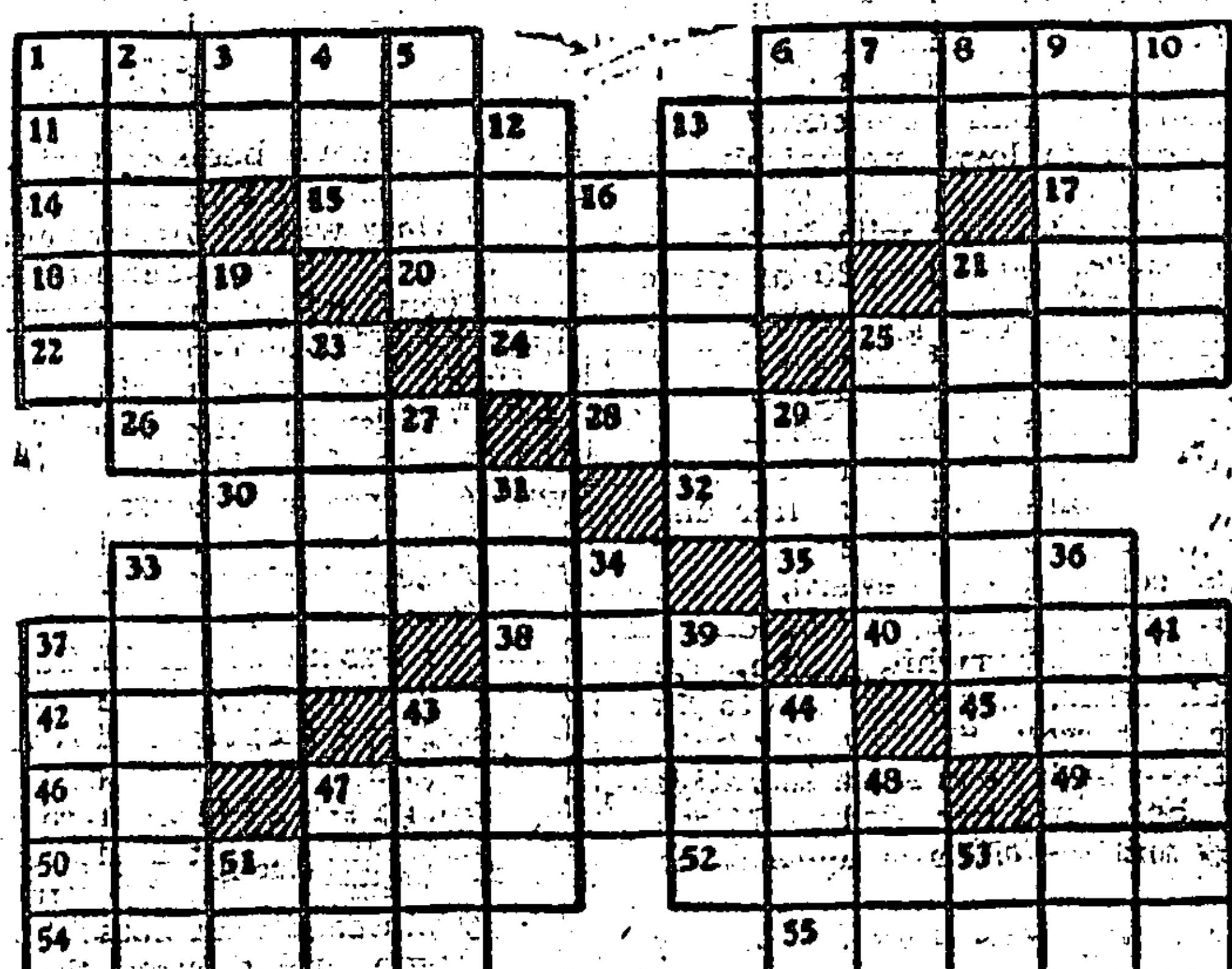
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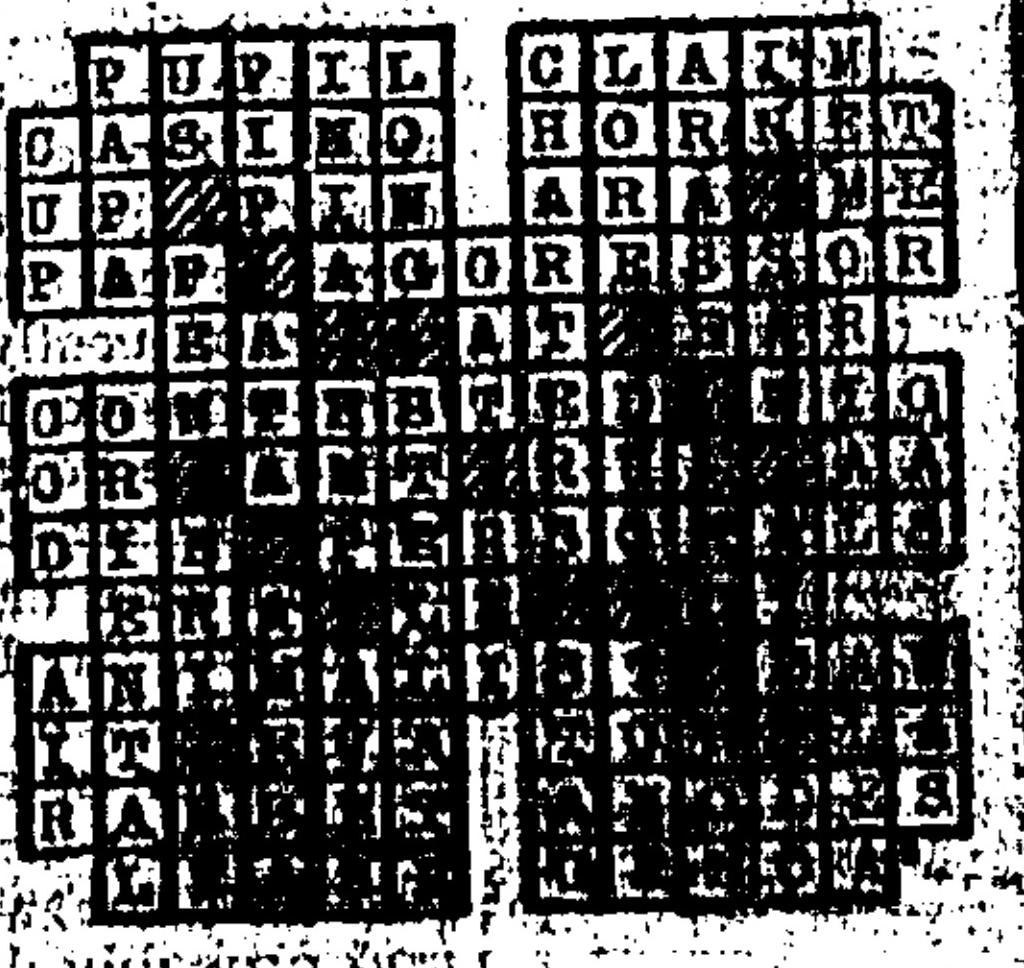
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- Perched
- Places
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- Resuscitate
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- Skillful
- Digging implement
- Amid
- A layer
- Exists
- Poisonous snake
- Weight of India (pl.)
- Looked pleasant
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- Note of scale
- Write
- Quits
- Periods
- Separated
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- Respects
- Biblical weeds
- Locations
- Insect
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- Burst into flame
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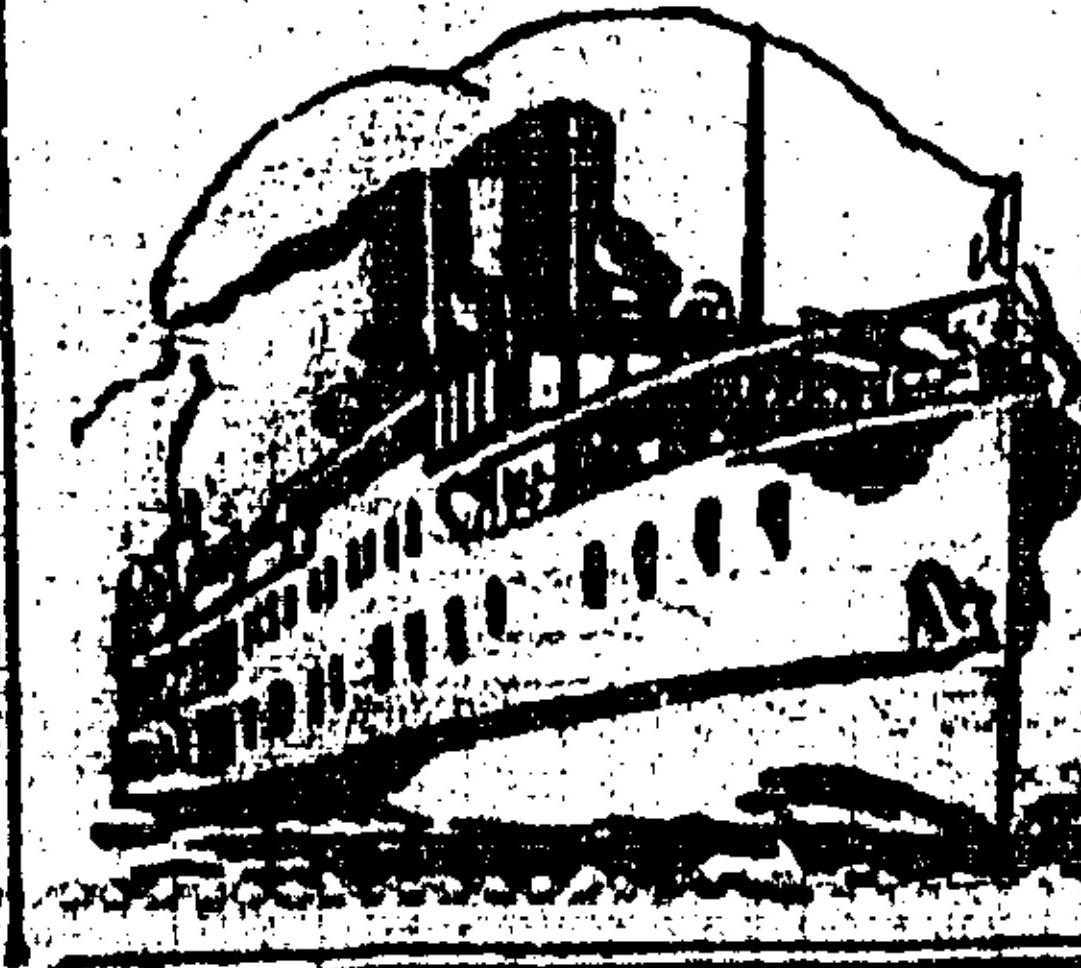
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WAS QUEEN ELIZABETH A MAN?

BY VINCENT TOWNE

Locked in the depths of Queen Elizabeth's heart was a deep secret that no one could ever fathom. Various biographers have remarked upon her secretiveness, and upon the fact that she took very few people into her confidence.

She never married. Those who have written her history have expressed their amazement at her attitude toward men. At various times she averred that she would never marry. When only 15, and while being ardently courted by the Lord Admiral Seymour (who later wedded her stepmother, Queen Catherine Parr), she wrote to that suitor a letter, in which she stated in regard



"The Lad Was Dressed In The Princess' Clothes"

to the possibility of her future marriage: "if ever I should think of it (which I do not believe), you would be the first to whom I should make known my resolution." When she was 23, Giovanni Michiel, the Venetian Ambassador, wrote of her to the Doge of Venice: "She, I understand, having plainly said that she will not marry, even were they to give her the King's (Philip of Spain's) 'son, or find any other great prince, I again respectfully remind your serenity to enjoin secrecy about this."

She would not allow doctors to examine her even when she was ill. She looked upon them as a source of danger.

Her masculinity was a subject of comment. "The constitution of her mind is exempt from female weakness, and she is endowed with an excellent power of application," her tutor, Roger Ascham, wrote of her in a letter to the rector of Strasbourg University, when she was 17. "In the whole manner of her life," added Ascham, "she rather resembles Hippolyta" (Queen of the Amazons) "than Phaedra" (who was wont to love not wisely, but too well).

She carried about with her a stock of wigs—"no less than 80 of various colours." She bore no resemblance to her mother, Anne Boleyn, but was said by some biographers to favour her father, King Henry VIII.

The only persons who seemed to enjoy her confidence were her childhood nurse, Mrs. Ashley, and the King's cofferer, or steward, Thomas Parry. When Elizabeth was only 15, Sir Robert Tyrwhit, the great English critic, wrote of her to Protector Somerset: "I do verily believe that there hath been some secret promise between my lady, Mistress Ashley and the cofferer never to con-

fess to death, and if it be so, it will never be gotten unless by the King's Majesty, or else by your Grace." These two attaches of the royal household were the only persons in whom she was ever known to confide. To the end of her days she was loyal to both of them. On her accession to the throne, she appointed Parry Controller of the Royal Household. She continued to shower honours upon both him and his daughter as long as they lived—"conduct," remarks the biographer, Strickland, "which naturally induces the suspicion that secrets of great moment had been confided to him—secrets that probably would have touched not only the maiden name of his royal mistress, but placed her life in jeopardy, and that he had preserved these inviolate. The same may be supposed with respect to Mrs. Ashley, to whom Elizabeth clung with unshaken tenacity, through every storm." After succeeding to the throne, Elizabeth knighted Parry. During Mrs. Ashley's last illness she was honoured by personal attentions from the Queen, who mourned her old nurse with deep grief.

What was the secret which Elizabeth guarded so closely, and which seems to have been shared by these two functionaries of the royal household? Only within the last decade has an answer of any definiteness ever been ventured by an authority reaching the world at large.

Upon the eastern slope of Cotswoold Hills, in Gloucestershire, lies hidden the ancient village of Bisley, at whose manor house, Overcourt, Elizabeth was isolated in charge of Mrs. Ashley during a pestilence, which threatened London when the young Princess was a child of 11. The author, Bram Stoker, some time ago, visited Bisley, and uncovered this tradition: During the child Elizabeth's stay in the village she died of a sudden illness upon the eve of a visit from her father, Henry VIII. In terror, Mrs. Ashley placed the Princess' body in a stone tomb, and scoured the country round for a child resembling Elizabeth sufficiently well to allow a substitution that would deceive the King, who had never taken the trouble to acquaint himself very familiarly with his fair-haired daughter. Unable to find a girl bearing sufficient likeness, the nurse discovered a boy of the name of Neville, strikingly like Elizabeth in appearance. This lad was dressed in the Princess' clothes, and masqueraded as the royal child thenceforth through the career of the personage known in history as Queen Elizabeth. According to this tradition, all persons learning the secret, except Mrs. Ashley and Thomas Parry, were "gotten rid of."

Some years ago, when a stone tomb upon the estate of Overcourt was opened, the bones of the young girl were found therein lying among remnants of costly clothing. Mr. Stoker has suggested that the boy, masquerading as the royal princess and later as Queen Elizabeth, was a son born at an inopportune time to Henry VIII's natural son, the Duke of Richmond, and Mary Howard, whom he married.

Whether or not these traditions and speculations have any foundation in the fact, the world may never know, and probably the deep secret of Queen Elizabeth will remain unanswered until the end of time.

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CHINESE TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

Fancheng, To-day.
Chinese troops in north Hupeh have again swung into action. They are attacking Suhshien and Chungsiang.

Vanguards have forced their way to Wuchiatatien, north of Suhshien and are threatening Siho to the east.

In the Chungsiang sector, the Chinese have crossed the Han River and recovered Chongshoutien, 20 miles north of Chungsiang. Chinese batteries are bombarding the Japanese in the southeast suburbs of Chungsiang.—Central News.

GOLD PRICE STABLE

London, To-day.
The official price of bar gold has remained at 168 shillings per fine ounce throughout the past week.

The spot quotation of bar silver has also remained unchanged all week at 23 pence spot.

To-day's bank return shows that the note circulation fell a further £4½ millions to £541,833,476.—British Wireless.

STOCK EXCHANGE RALLIES

London, To-day.
The Stock Exchange was depressed at the opening yesterday morning on the increased taxation, and leading industrials slumped sharply.

The market rallied later, however, on the announcement of the lower Bank rate.—Reuter.

HAWKERS FINED

Fourteen licensed and unlicensed hawkers, stall-holders, were fined \$10 each or 10 days' imprisonment by Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning for unlawfully boarding the ss. *Sai On* yesterday morning.

The men were arrested by Sub-Inspector Brown who was on waterfront duty.

PURE (?) INVENTION

London, To-day.

Much play has been made recently on the German and Russian Wireless with an interview alleged to have been given by Marshal Smigly-Rydz to a Rumanian priest.

The Marshal is supposed to have said he wished to come to terms with Germany on the second day of the war and only decided to fight on under pressure from the British Government.

It is learnt from an official Polish source that this alleged interview never took place and that the statements attributed to the Polish Commander-in-Chief are pure invention.—British Wireless.

BANK RATE REDUCED

London, To-day.

The Bank of England yesterday reduced its discount rate from four to three per cent.

The rate had been raised from two per cent. on August 24.

The effect of the reduction will be to free deposits for investment in gilt-edged securities.

It will also help the Government in raising defence loans.—Reuter.

MOSLEM'S GIFT TO UGANDA GOVT.

London, To-day.
The Ministry of Information states that news has reached the Colonial Office from Uganda that a prominent Moslem Indian resident of Mbale, Mr. Kassam Jamal Kamani, has presented as a free gift to the Government of Uganda, seven lorries and as many cars.—British Wireless.

STILL BACKING NATIONAL CURRENCY

Chungking, To-day.
The British and French Concession authorities in Tientsin are still backing the circulation of the legal tender notes.—Central News.

JAPANESE DRIVE ON CHANGSHA

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese troops in large numbers are being transferred from different areas in Chekiang and other parts of Central China, to north Hunan, to join the drive southwards to Changsha.

Yesterday, it is reported, several transports landed troops at Tingtien, on the south shores of the Tungting Lake, where the Chinese are counter-attacking with success.—Our Own Correspondent.

7,000 JAPANESE CASUALTIES

Chungking, To-day.
A Chinese military spokesman stated in an interview yesterday that over 7,000 Japanese casualties had been inflicted in the fighting in north Hunan.—Central News.

CHUNGKING RAID ALARM

Chungking, To-day.
Air-raid sirens were sounded last night in the city when it was reported that 12 Japanese planes were heading for the town.

The attempt to reach the city was unsuccessful and the Japanese were forced to return after cruising near the suburbs.—Our Own Correspondent.

SIR JOHN MAFFEY SEES THE KING

London, To-day.
The King yesterday received Sir John Maffey on his appointment as representative of the United Kingdom to Eire.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16.
London Silver was quoted yesterday at 23 for Spot and 22-15/16 for forward.

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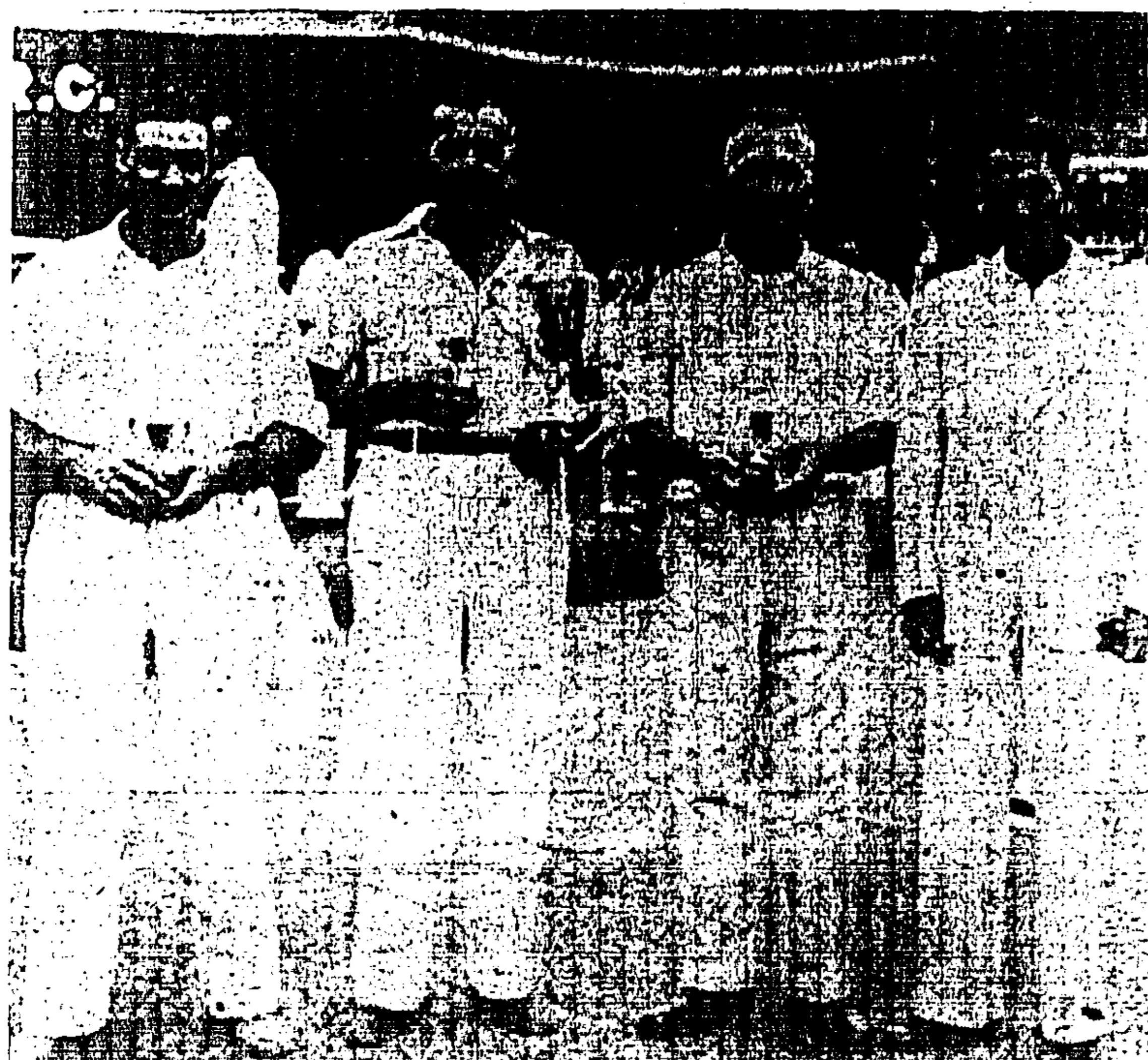


Oh grandmama!

THE tight-fitted bodice and the flared crinoline skirt have come straight out of the old family album, but the figure is her own. Great grandmama could never have achieved this slim athletic line without the high-pressure help of a sturdy lady's maid, but she achieves it by watching her diet and her drinks. Her cocktail for example is always a Gimlet because she knows that the girl who insists on Rose's Lime Juice today avoids a headache and a Rubens contour tomorrow.



A group picture of the Haiphong and Rest of Hong Kong teams, taken on Sunday last.



The Harbour Office team which won the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup.



The final match for the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Bowls Cup was played last Sunday at the P.R.C. C. B. Robertson bowling.

SECOND DIVISION

WATERTON TRIES A GAMBLE!

(By "SKIP")
In Second Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club very nearly surprised the Police at Austin Road, as the scores were all

square when Duggie Waterton and Jock Fender's rink had to play.

The latter made certain of the game by chalking up a five at the last head. His man was lying the shot, with the enemy second; when the skips went to roll their woods, Fender put in a shortish one which Waterton got round, then with his second wood the Police skip knocked the offending wood away to lay at least three.

Waterton in trying to get the shot by the in-off method was too heavy and knocked another couple out to give the big count.



The start of the ladies' 100-metre backstroke at the Chinese Club annual swimming gala, held on Saturday.



An action scene during the friendly hockey match between the Y.M.C.A. Seniors and the K.I.T.C. at the "Y" ground on Saturday. D. Smith in possession.

LAWN BOWLS NOTES**K.B.G.C. BEATEN BY POLICE
BUT NOT DISGRACED****C.C.C. Recover Splendidly To Beat K.B.G.C.****Recreio "B" Fairly
Safe From Bogey
Of Relegation**

(By "SKIP").

LAST SATURDAY'S lawn bowls games finished up pretty well as expected, the only exception being the defeat of Kowloon Bowling Green in Second Division.

As Police Club fielded more than half their first team, one would have expected an overwhelming victory for them. As things turned out they were a trifle lucky to beat the Austin Road team, of whom just half were regular third team players.

Craigengower, after being down by over a dozen shots at one period, recovered magnificently to beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club handsomely and so settle the question of the runners-up position.

The Champions continued in winning vein, only Teddy Fincher winning for Kowloon Cricket Club; the latter need to tie against their neighbours to-morrow to secure the third position in the League.

Club de Recreio "B" beat Civil Servants as I had anticipated and are now in a position to avoid relegation, as they are two points ahead of Kowloon Dock with each a match to play. As both are away from home I expect their League positions to remain as at present.

In Third Division Kowloon Cricket Club made ample amends for their previous defeat at the hands of Hong Kong Electric Club, although two of their regular skips in Tom Carr and Jimmy Jack were away.

Craigengower got the better of Hong Kong Football Club in spite of going down fairly heavily on one rink, whilst Prison Officers' just managed to beat Kowloon Football Club, who thus became the wooden-spoonists.

C.C.C. RECOVER

The game at the Valley was rather remarkable, as Kowloon Bowling Green Club looked at the interval as if they were going to beat Craigengower. W. Macfarlane was at that stage leading 13-4, Meyer was seven or eight to the good and Adam Holland was just about holding his own with Charlie Rosselet.

Then an almost complete transformation took place; Macfarlane's rink could do nothing right in spite of consistently good play by Archie Russell and Drake, who had been playing well, went right off his game. Simultaneously Alfred Coates and Co. came right onto form; W. Hong Sling beginning to pull his weight and every one of the home four getting going, with the result that they scored 27 shots, including three fives, in the remaining nine heads.

Truly remarkable, and nearly emulated by Adam Holland's rink, for whom both Robson and Gill played well.

The former's opposite, K. M. Omar, was in deadly form and the two had a rare duel.

Rosselet put in some good work, on one head in particular turning an adverse two into a favourable five by means of two really good heavy shots, the second taking the jack into the ditch to make his first wood, a toucher, also a counter.

MEYER JUST WINS

Dick Bass and Joe Meyer had a closer game, the latter getting home

by five shots, after leading all the way. His front men, Phillips and White were usually beating their opposing numbers until the home team went onto short heads, where Razack as lead had the advantage.

Ward was poor throughout but A. M. Omar proved a thorn in the side of the opposition. Baba was right off his game whilst the visiting skip was in good trim, one shot in particular meriting the adjective spectacular!

Club de Recreio skips drew the same opponents as on their last meeting, and, although C. G. Silva finished up in the same position as on the previous Saturday, Dick Alves had his revenge on Frank Goodwin whom he beat by 18 shots, all of which he scored on the last nine heads. Joe Luz returned to the fold and added strength to the rink.

SILVA'S EASY WIN

A similar state of affairs obtained on the next rink where C. G. Silva easily got the better of Ernie Kern after having the advantage by only a couple of shots after a dozen heads.

Xavier and Marques, as they did the previous Saturday, laid the foundation for the home team's good win, while Teddy Fincher always had a lead on F. X. Silva and got home by three shots after being nine up at the twelfth, when, incidentally, Kowloon Cricket Club had a lead of seven shots.

Joe Fraser was again the best man on his side, though Willie Hyde put up some dangerous woods.

Club de Recreio "B" substantiated my opinion by beating the Civil Servants on all three rinks, John Basto having the biggest win but "Baba" Remedios probably the most meritorious one as he was opposed to Fred Jones.

F. X. Soares was good value for his victory over Jack Hollidge and he had good help from B. Basto as third man.

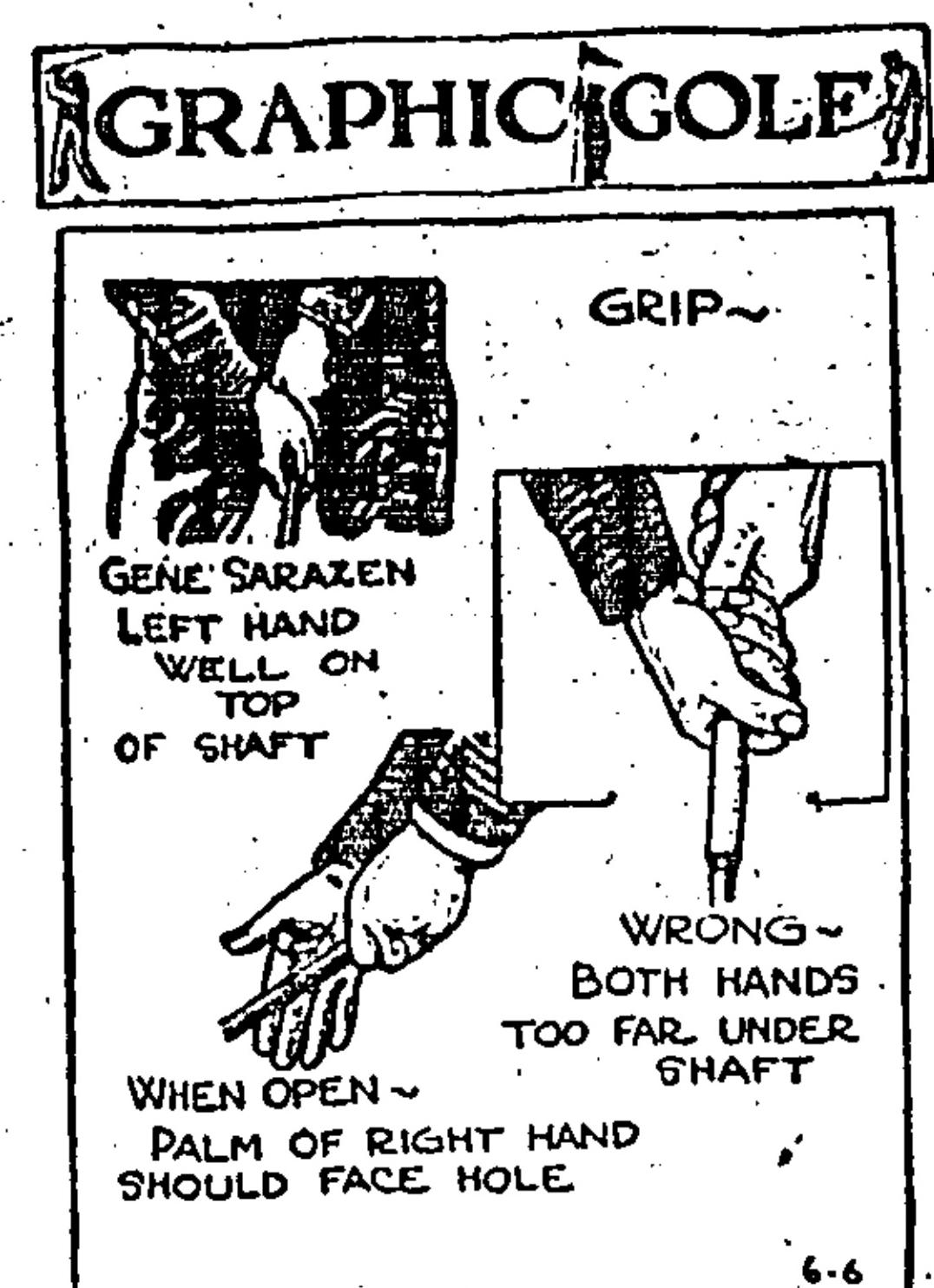
Bill Hillyer who played such a useful game in the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup final on Sunday afternoon, played three to Hollidge for this match and gave a fair display.

Kowloon Cricket Club's two new brick dust tennis courts will be officially opened on Saturday at 4 p.m. when Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, president of the club, and Mrs. Frank Goodwin, wife of the captain of the club, meet Mr. Ezra Abraham, vice-president of the club, and Mrs. R. E. Lindsell in a mixed doubles game.

Miss Mary Smalley, Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club's senior right winger, returned from long leave on Wednesday.

POSITION OF HANDSBy **BEST BALL**

Exactly where to place the hands on the shaft is a matter of individual taste yet there



are certain general fundamentals which are essential. It can readily be seen that the position of the hands has a great effect on the stroke. For instance certain positions would make an efficient stroke very unlikely and even slight variations from the agreed pattern of good gripping have been known to cause considerable swinging trouble.

Generally speaking, the left hand should grasp the club with a couple of the knuckles visible, as the player looks down upon the grip from address. There is no mystery attached to this advice; the hand is in the best situation from this position to push the club back and drag it down in a gradually accelerated manner. The right hand should grip the club so that if the hand were opened the palm would face the line of flight. This way the power generated in the stroke up to this point can be directed straight ahead.

Monday—Elbow Etiquette.

THIRD DIVISION**E. ARCELLI'S COMEBACK**

(By "SKIP")

In Third Division, in spite of a big win for V. Walker against George Ladd, Craigengower overcame Hong Kong Football Club by about a dozen.

E. Arculli, who used to play such a good game when the Craigengower "B" team was in First Division, turned out again and had a good victory over "Jock" Russell.

Rosario treated H. H. Pegg in a similar way, finishing strongly to beat him by over a dozen.

Peter Morgan of Kowloon Football

Club, did very well to beat Tom Pile of Prison Officers' Club by as many as 11 but this was not quite enough, Arthur Jillott just beating Doctor Smalley and Hudson deciding the issue in the visitors' favour by having a margin of nine over Petherick.

Kowloon Cricket Club had ample revenge at the expense of the Electrician and Hobbs must have been very gratified with a win of 30 shots on his first appearance as skip.

Bob Meadows beat Bert Muskett narrowly and Ted Ramsey completed the win by beating Stopani Thompson by nearly a dozen.



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OWING to the crisis coming so close to the commencement of the football season, it is extremely doubtful whether many of the Army sides will be really fit for the opening matches. Few of the teams have been able to indulge in many practice matches with a probable result that the sides that represent units in the first one or two matches are likely to be changed considerably for ensuing games.

If, as appears likely, the Middlesex do not take part in the Hong Kong Leagues this season, I can see great difficulty being encountered in turning out a really representative Army side. But, despite reports to the contrary, all hopes are not yet dead, and the "Diehards" may yet be seen in the spotlight.

Two of the more fortunate clubs, who have been able to get in a great deal of practice, are Signals, who are in Second Division, and R. A. S. C. who are entered in the Third.

Last Thursday the latter turned out against a Hong Kong F. C. XI, which included such well known names as Fowler, E. Strange, Coles, and Forrow. Although beaten by five goals to four they were far from disgraced. My impression of the Club was that they had a fair amount in hand and did not extend themselves unduly.

In Hills, R. A. S. C. have a really

ARMY SPOTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

stylish player. Usually a right half, he is now playing at left back and impressed greatly on Thursday. He is strong in his tackles and very clever with his head. All in all I think he has a good chance of getting a game in representative football during the season. He has had much valuable experience with civilian clubs in England.

Fare, who played centre half, also impressed greatly, and when he improves his distribution a little, should be well worth watching. He is very tall and rarely beaten to a ball in the air.

An inside left, Young, worked terribly hard during this game, but must get into the habit of occasionally swinging the ball to the opposite wing instead of having a stereotyped pass to his outside man as his chief weapon of attack. He has a useful shot and should not be afraid to have a go at goal himself.

Glen the outside right must have felt rather fed up at the close of play

as he had been starved during most of the play. He has a fine turn of speed and despite his rare chances managed to net two of his team's goals with fine opportunism.

Moore in goal was safe, but his positioning was often at fault and his handling of a ground ball needs improving.

Signals struck me as having a fine chance of going far in Second Division. At present the chief fault seems to be too much dilly-dallying in front of goal. Their forwards are pretty to watch in their approach work, but seem unable to add the finishing touches.

Sgt. Brakenberry, the centre forward, seems particularly afflicted with this fault, but is really fast and a few more matches should see this clever forward really getting into his stride. Signals have two good wingers to make the openings in L/C. Kitcher and Cpl. Husband, both possessing a telling shot and both being very accurate with their crossing of the ball.

The former has a remarkably strong shot considering his size.

In defence they are very strong, the halves Dignan, Party and Hutcheson all tackling strongly and distributing the ball well, while L/C. Spinks struck me as being a class back and the goalkeeping of Kennard was very safe.

Owing to the weather the Army Cricket trial due to be played on Wednesday had to be cancelled and fresh teams have been picked to play on Saturday.

They are composed as follows:—
Capt. Godby, Maj. Sinclair, Capt. Whatman, Lt. Young, Sgt. Havercroft, Vuagniaux, S/Sgt. Gardner, L/Bomb. Ward, Spr. Cork, Gar. Dobbins and Cpl. Blount.
Capt. Lawrence, Maj. Harvey, Capt. Grose, Capt. Dewar, Lt. Skipwith, Cpl. Eddy, S/Sgt. Gill, L/Sgt. Dilnot, Spr. Bailey, L/Cpl. Murphy and Cpl. Webb.

A. D. Locke, at 21, has beaten all the Open champions he could lay hands upon here. With an amiable backer behind him, good for anything up to a thousand pounds against anyone, anywhere, any time, he should have gone straight to America, played in the winter tournaments there, and generally toughened up his golf. The experience would have been of tremendous value. As it is, he says he will go to America when someone offers "a good proposition." No such proposition will be forthcoming. He must go and fight for it.—
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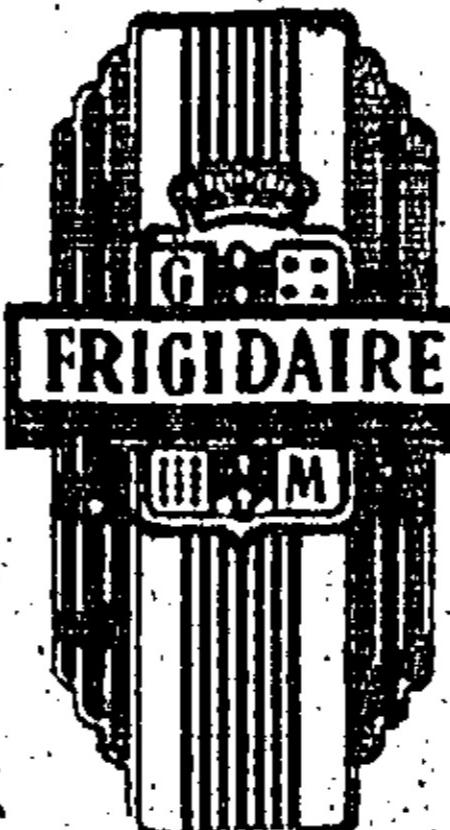
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MACAO RACES ON SUNDAY

(By "RAPIER")

The October Meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held at the Areea Preta Course on Sunday, when a programme of seven events will be contested, the first of which will commence at 2.15 p.m. S. S. Taishan will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. returning from Macao at midnight.

RACE NO. 1 THE COLOWAN HANDICAP—FIVE FURLONGS

The opening race is confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of Macao Jockey Club of any season that have not won a race since January 1, 1939. Shanghai 4, which ran second to Hogmanay in the Guia Handicap (five furlongs) at the June Meeting, if started here, should not experience much difficulty in winning.

Victory Life (Mr. Hearne), which was second in the Areea Preta Handicap (seven furlongs) at the same Meeting, should form the main opposition; with Coureur Bleu also in the picture at the finish.

RACE NO. 2 THE PRAIA GRANDE HANDICAP—FIVE FURLONGS

This race will be contested by China ponies, subscription griffins of Hong Kong Jockey Club purchased in Hong Kong during 1938-9.

Iron Knight (Mr. Liang) won the Choi Ma Hui Handicap (half a mile) at the last Meeting and should again figure prominently in the finish here, probably winning. There is Cloudy Star (Mr. K. I. Ip) to be reckoned with, however, as this pony is a fast moving animal, and, in view of the shortness of the distance, it may win.

National Triumph (Mr. Hearne), which was second to Iron Knight in the same race, may also be expected to contest the finish.

RACE NO. 3 THE LAPPA HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS

In this race for "E" Class China ponies, King's Parade (Mr. B. L. Tao) is given top weight of 168 lbs., but as this pony has been accustomed to carry this weight before and has placed it should not prevent it from winning as the distance is only six furlongs.

Persian Cat (Mr. Liang), which dead-heated with Lucky Eleven in second place at the last Meeting over five furlongs in the Turf Handicap (First Section), is the only pony to give it a fight. Mac's Adventure is likely to take third place.

RACE NO. 4 THE PORTO CERCO HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS.

"D" Class China ponies will compete in this event and, judging from its form shown at the Valley last Saturday, Clowner (Mr. Chattey), which passed the post a good fourth in the Junk Bay Handicap over six furlongs, should stand a good chance of scoring its first win here. There is Double Chance (Mr. Payne) to be considered, however, as this pony has invariably done well at Macao meetings. My preference goes to Clowner.

RACE NO. 5 THE STEWARD'S CUP—ONE MILE

This is the main event of the meeting, on the result of which the special Dollar Sweep will depend. I expect to see the following start.



The P. W. D. rink, runners-up in the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup.

SPORTS PARADE

AS with their Rugby, Police are looking forward with keenness and confidence to their cricket during the coming season.

Not that they have any spate of new talent but they should have a fairly regular team—something they have not been favoured with for some years.

Most favourable fact from their point of view is that B. C. Fay, who has now finished his course in Macao, is here permanently and unless called upon for Rugby when these dates clash with Cricket League fixtures, will probably turn out regularly.

Fairy Auk (Mr. Payne)

Fairy Ouse (Mr. Liang)

Hogmanay (Mr. Yuen)

Meadow Eve (Mr. Chiu)

Rothesay Bay (Mr. Tang Man Wa).

Fairy Ouse (Mr. Liang) won the George Potts' Memorial Cup over a mile at the last Meeting in convincing style and, as it will be again ridden by Mr. Liang, I fail to see how any of the other contenders can hope to better it. A good struggle for second position should be provided by Fairy Auk and Hogmanay.

RACE NO. 6 THE LAPPA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS.

This is the second section of the race for "E" Class China ponies, and will be contested by the "also ran" subscription griffins of Hong Kong Jockey Club. Bogey (Mr. Yuen) is the pick of the entries and should have no difficulty in winning. The only pony capable of giving it a fight is The Spirit of St. Louis, which is very lightly treated. It will be taken care of by Mr. Tao and it should be near at the finish. The Buccaneer looks a good thing for third place.

RACE NO. 7 THE CONSOLATION STAKES—HALF A MILE

This last race of the day will be confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of Macao Jockey Club that have started at this meeting and not won.

As this is a post entry race, I leave my readers to pick the winner after seeing the ponies in action during the course of the afternoon.

His presence in the team will be of incalculable value to Police. Many cricketers consider him to be a bowler well up to Interport standard although it must be admitted he has never appeared in the best company here as yet.

Another A.S.P. who will probably play fairly often is H. W. E. Heath. Bowling in only two League matches last year, Heath took 4 for 22 against I.R.C. and 3 for 10 against C.S.C.C. As a batsman he is not so impressive.

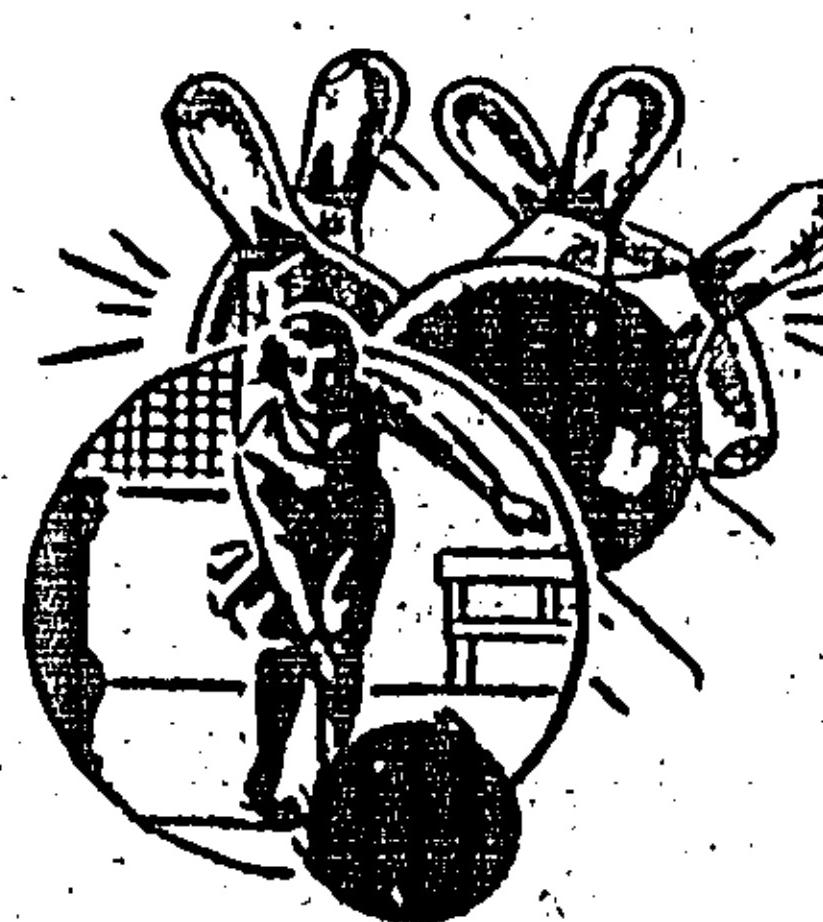
H. DANBROWSKY, a fairly useful bat and outfielder, and a very good social man, returned from leave on Wednesday; one can expect to see his rotund and cheery figure on the cricket field practically every Saturday.

B. G. Baker, of the old bowling firm of Pope and Baker, is due back from leave shortly and should be available for most League games.

I understand that C. Pope, one of the finest all-rounders in Second Division, will lead the team which will probably be composed of the following players:—C. Pope, A. E. Carey, B. C. Fay, H. W. E. Heath, J. L. Stephens, H. Danbrowsky, P. H. Loughlin, W. L. Clarke (wicket-keeper), T. R. Hunter and B. G. Baker.

TOM GOODING, convenor of the Prison Officers' Club lawn bowls team, is ill in Queen Mary Hospital. He did not play last week for the Stanley team.

S. V. GITTINS, the Kowloon Cricket Club senior cricketer and chairman of the Hong Kong Water Polo League, has just returned to the Colony.



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SOCER TEAMS FOR B.F.R.D.C. CHARITY GAME

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Association team:—Jackson (Middlesex); Bone (Club) and Sheehan (Middlesex); North (Police), Bright (Middlesex) and Honniball (St. Joseph's); Emberson (Ordnance), Thorburn (Navy), Fowler (Club), A. V. Gesano (St. Joseph's) (Captain), and Reitersen (Kowloon).

Reserves:—Leonard (St. Joseph's), E. Strange (Club), Hussain (St. Joseph's) and Hossack (Royal Scots) and Blackburn (Police).

Manager:—Inspector A. Kirby. Combined Chinese:—Tam Kwan-kon (South China); Lee Tin-sang (South China) and Lee Kwok-wai (South China); Soong Ling-sing (South China); Leung Wing-chui (South China) and Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Yeung Shui-yick (South China); Fung King-cheong (South China); Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt); Lai Shui-wing (South China) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Manager:—Mr. Walter H. Chen.

SUNDAY'S TEAM

On Sunday at Caroline Hill the South China Touring team will be opposed to a team from the Rest of the Colony and the following have been chosen to represent the Rest.

Duncan; Blackburn and Sheehan; Freshwater, Gough and Hsu King-seng; Y. S. Chung (Eastern), Jorge, Hossack, Ferrier and Hau Ching-to. Reserves:—Maxwell, Munro (Royal Scots), Bell, Lee Tak-kee, Chung Kam-hoi and Wong King-cheung.

The proceeds of this game will be donated to charity.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

AIR FORCE PROMOTED

The withdrawal of the Middlesex Regiment from the First and Second Divisions of the Hong Kong Football League was permitted at the Management Committee Meeting held last night.

Stonecutters have also withdrawn from the Second Division of the League.

The Royal Air Force, winners of the Kowloon section of the Third Division last season, have been promoted to the Second Division and will take over the fixtures of the Middlesex.

A charity match in aid of the B.F.R.D.C. has been arranged for October 10 on the Club ground between the Combined Chinese teams and the Rest of the Association.

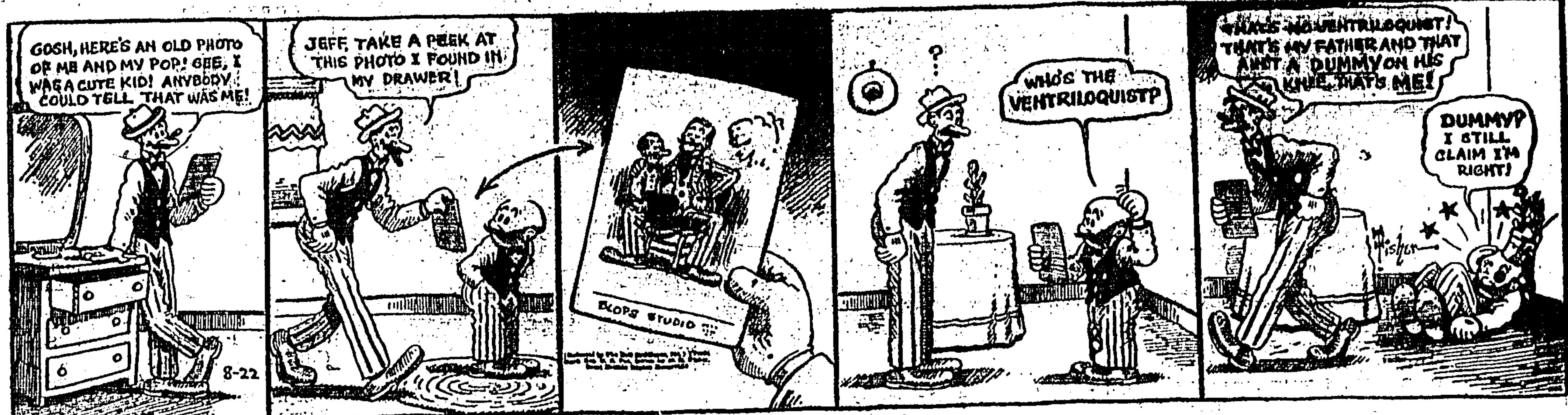
Prior to this game a match between the Hong Kong and Kowloon Schoolboys will be played as a curtain-raiser.

The First and Second Division fixtures has drawn up by the sub committee were approved while the Third Division fixtures have to be rearranged.

Malini, world famous magician, entertained a large crowd of members and friends at Kowloon Cricket Club last night, following which an impromptu dance was held.

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1.03 p.m.—W. Brownlow (Baritone) in Ballads of Yesterday.
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

9.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
"Patience"—

Recit: Still Brooding On Their Mad Infatuation; I Cannot Tell What This Love May Be... W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe, M. Eyre and Chorus of Girls.

In a Doleful Train; Now, is Not This Ridiculous... N. Briercliffe, G. Baker, M. Eyre and Chorus of Girls and Dragoons.

When I First Put This Uniform On... Darrell Fancourt and Chorus of Dragoons.

"The Gondoliers"—

Bridegroom and Bride!... Chorus.

When A Merry Maiden Marries... Aileen Davies and Chorus.

Kind Sir, You Cannot Have The Heart... Winifred Lawson.

Do Not Give Way... L. Sheffield, W. Lawson, A. Davies, D. Oldham, G. Baker.

Now, Pray, What Is The Cause... Chorus.

Replying, We Sing... D. Oldham, G. Baker and Chorus.

10.00 p.m.—A Variety and Dance Programme.

Accordion—Woodland Flowers (Burns); Black And White (Botsford)... Vilja Vesterinen.

Quickstep—I Got Love; Fox-Trot—The Trek Song (film 'We're going to be rich')... The Band Waggoners.

Fox-Trots—Ol' Man Mose; Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea... Eddy Duchin and His Orch.

Banjo—Tony (Oakley); White Rose (Oakley)... Olly Oakley with Piano accom.

Fox-Trot—Love Makes The World Go 'Round (from 'These Foolish Things'); Quickstep—Teacher's Pet... Henry Hall and His Orch.

Duet—Tricky Little Tune (McGill)... Major and Minor with Orch.

Fox-Trot—Minuet for a Modern Miss; Plastered In Paris... The Six Swingers.

Waltz—The Humming Waltz; Fox-Trot—Penn Serenade... Mantovani and His Orchestra.

Vocal—One Of The Little Orphans of the Storm (film 'Queen of Hearts')... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—I've Got A Pocketful Of Dreams (from 'Sing, you Sinners'); Good-Night, Little Skipper... Brian Lawrence and His Orch.

Brass Quintette—Mighty Lak' A Rose (Novin)... Frank Biffo and His Brass Quintette.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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A COMPROMISE BID

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♦ K 7 6 5
♦ A 8
♦ A 10 4

♣ J 8
♥ J 8 8
♦ K Q 9 6 4
♣ K 8 2

W
S

♦ 9 7 3 2
♥ A Q 10 9 2
♦ 7
♣ J 7 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♦ Pass Pass Pass

The bidding is rather interesting. South felt his hand was a little too strong to simply raise his partner from one spade to two. At the same time he knew he was not strong enough for a jump. Hence, the two-heart response. Then, when North jumped immediately to four hearts, South decided against going back to spades since he was afraid that might be construed as a Slam Invitation.

While actually four spades is a better contract than four hearts, due to the fact that with spades as trump Declarer eventually can discard a club on the long heart; nevertheless South made four hearts as follows:

The King of diamonds was opened and won by dummy's Ace. Three rounds of trumps were now taken and South ruffed dummy's eight of diamonds in his own hand. The Ace and another spade were played and,

after cashing two spade tricks, East was forced to lead a club, thereby allowing South to get away with the loss of but one trick in that suit.

* * *

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

♦ 8 6 5 2

♥ A K 0 7 6

♦ 10 5 3

♣ 0

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Mater
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. Your hand is almost strong enough for a jump, but since the immediate raise of partner's second suit is always taken as an encouraging bid, it is better to be a little cautious with this hand.

Score 100% for two spades, 80% for three spades, 30% for four spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 218

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♦ X X

♥ X X

♦ X X X X X X

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Mater
1♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

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DANGEROUS TRICK

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, master of junk No. T1930H, Chung Tai, was charged with failing to anchor in the dangerous good anchorage.

He had 700 tins of kerosene on board and Sergeant Evans told the Court that the boat anchored 50 yards from Shaukiwan harbour. There were several other boats within 20 yards.

Defendant was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour.

BIG MAJORITY FOR ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day. The voting in the foreign relations committee of the Senate, which approved the Administration's Neutrality Bill, was 16 to 7. — Reuter.

GERMANS IN MACAO MAY RETURN

In a special report this afternoon the evening edition of the "Ta Kung Pao," states that the 96 German nationals in Macao are thinking of returning to Hong Kong and risk internment in the British Colony.

The report adds that this attitude is the result of reports that Portugal might join the Allies.

NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK?

A difficult task was given a Chinese constable by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning when a number of hawking cases were before him.

The constable was ordered to locate a hawker who had failed to appear and to return him 50 cents bail money.

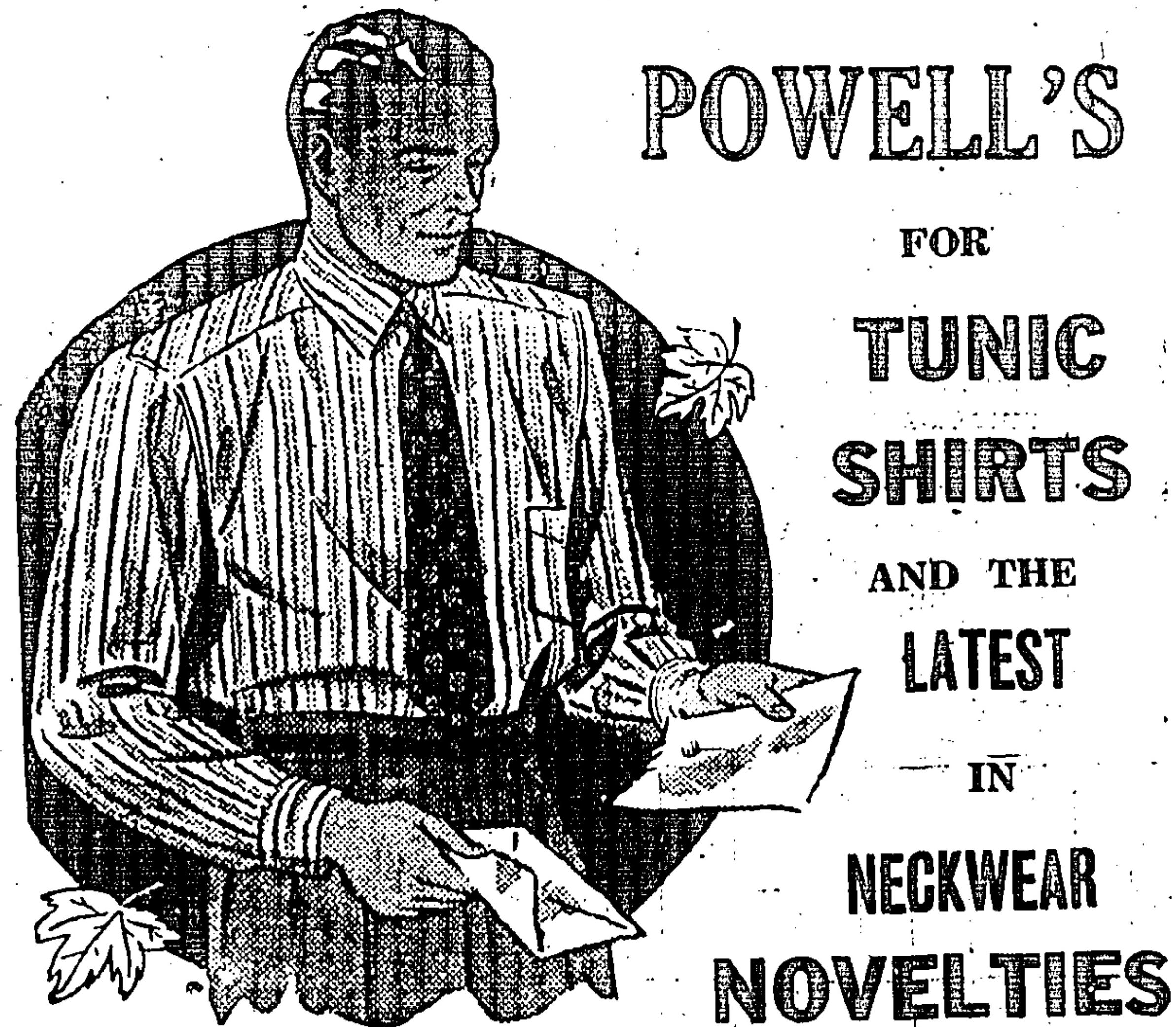
As there are some 5,000 licensed and unlicensed hawkers in Shaukiwan where the hawker in question was arrested, the constable is presented with a problem.

Mr. Houston commented on the time wasted by the police in arresting hawkers.

"I have no time to deal with so many hawkers' cases every morning," he said.

LATVIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL

Riga, To-day. A Latvian Defence Council has been formed under the chairmanship of the President.—Reuter.



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Chungking, To-day.

Heavy fighting between Japanese and Chinese forces occurred this morning in north Hunan, according to latest field despatches.

Japanese reinforcements are pouring into the area from other parts of Central China.

The Japanese have suffered heavy losses, especially south of Yingtien.

Aircraft are supporting the Japanese troops.—Our Own Correspondent.

Moscow, To-day.

Among Ribbentrop's hosts at the Kremlin were two Jews, Lazar Kaganovich, the Commissar for Heavy Industry, and Abraham Lozovosky.

According to German sources the banquet was marked by a very hearty atmosphere. Toasts were exchanged pledging readiness for further co-operation and good neighbourly relations.—Reuter.

After something of a respite, eight cholera cases were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. Four of them were from Victoria and three from Kowloon. There were also three typhoid cases, three from Kowloon.

Macao, To-day.

Night raids are being carried out on the Japanese at Taiwongtau, north of Cheungkai. Last night many Japanese troops were killed in one of these surprise attacks.

Both Chinese and Japanese reinforcements are reported on their way to Chungshan.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bucharest, To-day.

M. Argelescu, the President of the Senate, is to become Prime Minister in the place of General Argeneanu, whose appointment was known to have been only temporary.—Reuter.

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